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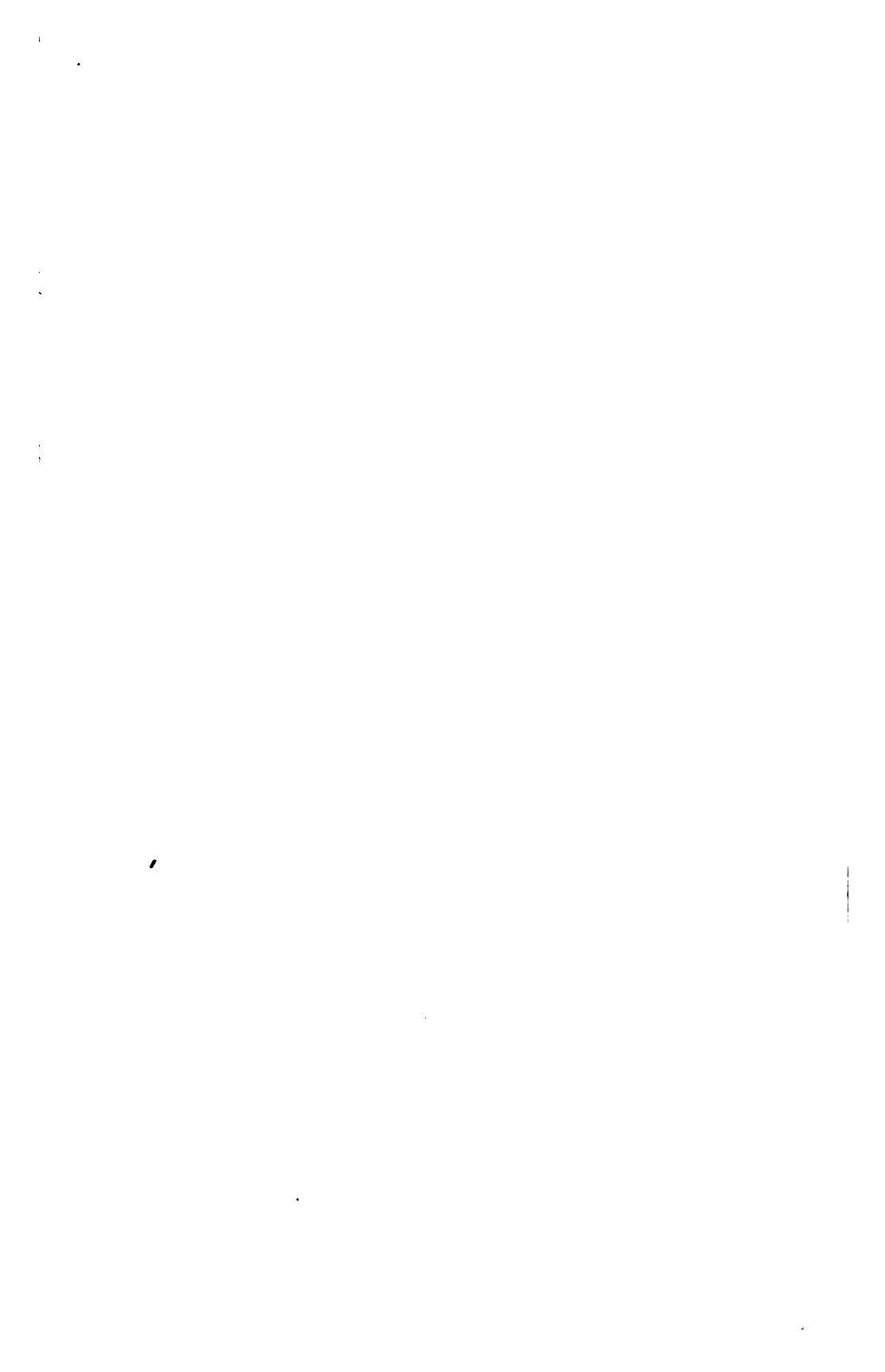
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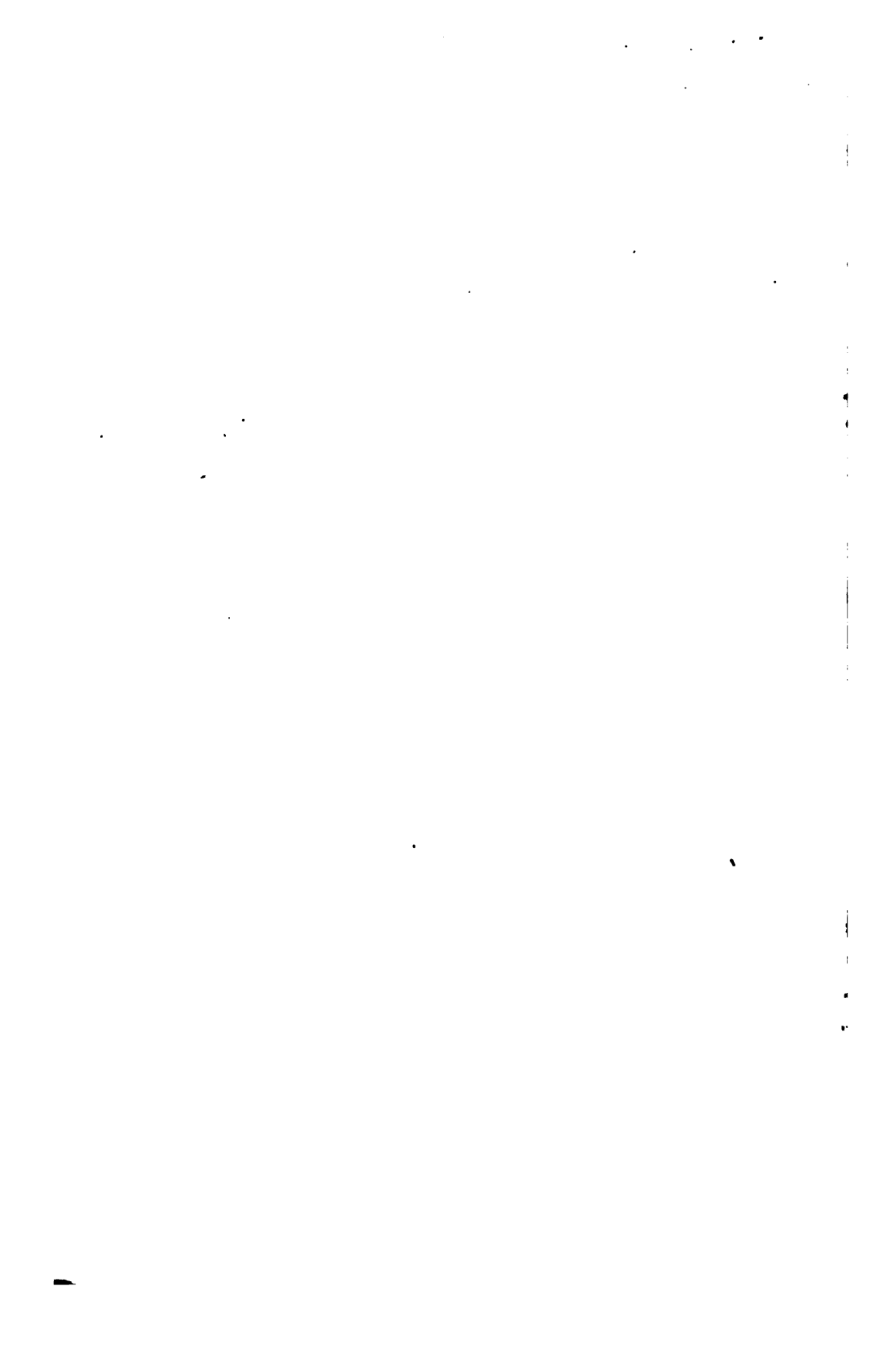


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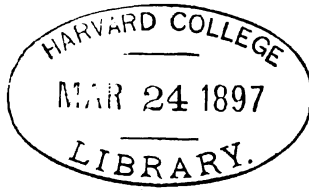
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LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

S. W. LANDON, <i>Chairman</i> ,	- - - - -	Burlington
Term expires Nov. 30, 1899.		
H. E. RUSTEDT,	- - - - -	Richford
Term expires Nov. 30, 1898.		
FRED A. HOWLAND,	- - - - -	Montpelier
Term expires Nov. 30, 1897.		
MARY L. TITCOMB, <i>Secretary</i> ,	- - - - -	Rutland
Term expires Nov. 30, 1896.		
LOUISE L. BARTLETT,	- - - - -	St. Johnsbury.
Term expires Nov. 30, 1900.		

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its first biennial report. The law under which the Commission was established, is as follows :

NO. 37 of the Acts of 1894.—(Vermont Statutes, Secs. 875-882.)
—AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SECTION 1. The Governor shall appoint five persons, residents of the State, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The Governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year ; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library ; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 3. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the

benefit of this act ; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under this act, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act. The provisions of number *three of the acts of 1892 shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 5. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under this act shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books ; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 7. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by this act the State board of library commissioners shall so certify to the State Auditor and he shall

*Probably number 53 is intended:

draw an order upon the Treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this act.

SEC. 8. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the State as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage, and shall be subject to future legislation to alter, amend or repeal.

Approved November 6, 1894.

APPOINTMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Governor appointed the following persons to constitute the Board of Library Commissioners:

S. W. Landon, Burlington, for five years.

H. E. Rustedt, Richford, for four years.

Alfred E. Watson, Hartford, for three years.

Mary L. Titcomb, Rutland, for two years.

Louise L. Bartlett, St. Johnsbury, for one year.

Mr. A. E. Watson declined to serve, and Mr. Fred A. Howland of Montpelier was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Louise L. Bartlett's term of office under the first appointment expired November 30, 1895, and she was then reappointed by the Governor for the term of five years.

The Governor designated S. W. Landon as chairman, and at the first meeting of the Commission, held at Burlington, January 19, 1895, the organization was completed by the election of Mary L. Titcomb as secretary.

Seven meetings of the Commission have been held, at which every one of the members was present, except that one

member was unable, through a failure in the connection of trains, to attend the first session of a meeting held at Montpelier.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

The following documents have been issued and carefully distributed. The most of these circulars are readily self-explanatory, and need no comment. Nos. 1 and 6 contained, besides the matter printed, the text of the library law. Copies of these on the dates which they respectively bear were mailed to at least two persons in each town not known to have a public library. No. 5 was freely distributed wherever it could be of any value in the conduct of library matters. One copy, at least, of No. 7 was sent to each town in the State. From the information thus secured, the tables on pages 27-40 were prepared. The response to this circular was not so full and general as it was hoped it might be, hence the complete history of library matters in all the towns of the State cannot be given, as was intended, in this report.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1895.

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At its last session the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page ; and to assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners have been appointed by the Governor.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

A law making the same appropriations under practically the same conditions has been operative in Massachusetts and in New Hampshire for several years, and with such a degree of success that we do not hesitate to urge upon towns the acceptance of the provisions of this act. Yet it should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "purpose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donation of book from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.
2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in

accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the Secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, Chairman, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt., 189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I, Town Clerk of , Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town
held on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named
persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms
specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which Elected.)

.....

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the state board of library commissioners under Act. No. 37 of the acts of 1894 :

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of dollars ; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was

I further certify that the town of has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting :

Town Clerk of Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

..... Vt., 189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of, Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1864, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows :

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act *until such town has elected a board of library trustees and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the state board of library commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions.

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located ?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation, is to be paid ?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books ?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library ? If so, please furnish the secretary of the state board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which the books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the state board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished to each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the state board alone, they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The secretary of the state board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB,

Secretary,

....., 189 .

Rutland, Vt.

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library :

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town ; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the *missionary* spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

Supplies.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the accession-book, borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 146 Franklin Street, Boston.

Ordering and entering Books.—If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co., DeWolfe Fiske & Co., and Estes & Lauriat, of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost

of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate :

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION NO. . . CLASS . .

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book, thus :

Accession No.	Class.	Vol.	Author.	Title.	Place and Publisher.	Date.
21	F	I	Harrison, C. C.	A bachelor maid.	N. Y. Century.	1894
Pages.	Size.	Binding.	Source.	Cost.	Remarks.	
225	D	Cloth	W. B. Clarke & Co.	.67	Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '95.	

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

Classification.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Library Association :—

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | B. Biography. |
| C. Children's Books. | F. Fiction. |
| H. History. | L. Literature—Essays, Poetry
and Drama. |
| M. Magazines. | S. Science. |
| R. Reference. | |
| T. Theology—Education and Charitable Work. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement :

BARR.—Between two loves.

“ A border shepherdess.

“ Paul and Christina.

BARRIE.—The little minister.

“ A window in thrums.

BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.

CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.

“ A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

Registering Names.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, “I promise to obey the rules of the —— library,” and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for your readers. After registering, provide each with a card similar to this :

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME No.

LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.	LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.

On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

“The Library is open from to”

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and costs of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 195, Sec. 4216.*

Charging Books.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manilla paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip :

RICE, WILLIAM A.			53.
J 4	506	J 18	
J 18	217	J 26	

The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names, and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name, and stamp the date of return upon it, and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purpose of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematized, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manilla envelopes. The form of entry is like this :

Accession No.	Class F.	
50	Harrison, C. C.	The anglomaniacs.
225		A bachelor maid.
65		Bar Harbor days.
82	Hawthorne, N.	The Blithedale romance.

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned.

Date of Loaning.	Borrower's Name.	Name, or Accession No. of Book.	Date of Returning.

If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances, the

accession book, besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession numbers should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned, gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate as to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. J. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any book-seller at a cost of twenty-five cents.

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutler's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you

greatly. Take and read dilligently the Library Journal, and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience.

You will find it also greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association, as well as the Vermont Library Association, lately organized. An explanation of the aim and scope of both these organizations may be had upon application to

MISS MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary,
RUTLAND, Vt.

No. 6.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1896.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to Promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

At the town meeting, in March, 1895, over forty towns, representing every county in the State, took favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation, and nearly all have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The lists of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual

town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifest give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal donations in money have been made by those who saw in the public library a most useful and far reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first year of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donation of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting :

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State board of library commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892 ; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

The board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the Secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

No. 7.

STATE OF VERMONT,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

TOWN OF.....

If there is a public library in your town, then an answer is desired to the following questions :

1. Name of Library.....
Date of establishment.....

2. Is the library supported wholly or mainly by taxation?
.....; if not, give name of society, association or corporation owning and supporting it.....

3. Is the library entirely free to the public..... ;
or is a membership or subscription fee charged?
4. Is the library circulating,..... ; or reference,
..... ; or both?.....
5. Is there a reading room supplied with periodicals?....
..... ; if so, how many?.....
6. Does the library occupy its own building?..... ;
or rented building?..... ; or is a building furnished
to the library free? ; occupy whole or part of
building?..... ; library building erected when?.....
..... ; with what fund?
7. Is there a cut of building?.....
8. State days and hours of opening.....
9. Trustees—state how chosen and length of term of
office.....
10. Give name and addrees of Librarian, and amount of
compensation, if any.....
11. State number of assistants, if any.....
12. Number of bound volumes owned May 1, 1896.....
13. Number of bound volumes added during last year....
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14. Number of books issued last year.....
15. Is there any especial provision made for teachers and
school children?..... ; if so, what?.....
16. If the library is wholly or partly supported by a pub-
lic tax, what is the rate per cent levied for its benefit?.....
17. Has the library received aid from the State?... ..
18. Amount received annually from taxation, \$.....
19. Amount received annually from endowment, \$
20. Amount received from annual dues or book rents,
\$.....
21. If the library is endowed, state by whom.....
22. Any other information you can give relative to the
history, establishment, maintenance or future of the library will
be gratefully received.

Reported by.....

Date..... Official Title.

NOTE.—As replies to the foregoing questions are desired for use in the preparation of our biennial report, and as the time is limited before its publication, we ask that you should fill out and return this circular withing a few days after its receipt.

MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary,
Rutland, Vt.

TOWN LIBRARIES AIDED BY THE STATE.

Under the provision of this law fifty-nine towns have already established libraries and received the books from the state. Of these forty-one took favorable action in March, 1895, and eighteen in March, 1896. Two other towns voted the appropriation and elected trustees at the last town meeting, but have not yet made such arrangements for the maintenance of their libraries as to warrant them in asking for the state appropriation. It is probable that two or three other towns voted to accept the provision of the Act, but the Commissioners have received no official notice of their action in the matter. The following is the list of towns that have received the books furnished by the state :

Alburg, Andover, Athens, Barton, Brighton, Cabot, Canaan, Chittenden, Concord, Enosburg, Fletcher, Franklin, Georgia, Granby, Granville, Groton, Hardwick, Hartland, Hyde Park, Isle La Motte, Johnson, Kirby, Landgrove, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Marshfield, Montgomery, Newport, Northfield, Orange, Orwell, Peru, Pomfret, Poultney, Putney, Randolph, Rip-ton, Rochester, Royalton, Ryegate, Sharon, Shelburne, Sheldon, South Hero, Stamford, Stockbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Ver-shire, Walden, Waterford, Waterville, Westfield, Westford, Westmore, West Windsor, Wilmington, Windham, Woodbury.

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES.

In the following tables the dotted lines indicate that the town has reported that there is no library, or that there is no item for the space in which the dots occur. Blank spaces indicate that no report has been received.

ADDISON COUNTY.

Name of Library.	Date of Establishment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Original given.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endowment.	By Whom Endowed.
Addison								
Bridport								
Bristol								
Cornwall								
Ferrisburgh								
Goshen								
Granville								
Hancock								
Leicester								
Lincoln								
Middlebury								
"								
Monkton								
New Haven								
Orwell								
Panton								
Ripton								
Salisbury								
Shoreham								
Starksboro								
Vergennes								
Waltham								
Weybridge								
Whiting								

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. g. May '96. 24	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Arlington	Free Library,	1865	Mrs. M. B. Merrill,	5,764	0	\$106 00		
Bennington	Dorset Book Club,	1870	Henry Baldwin,	600	0	12 00		
Glastenbury	Landgrove Public Library.	1895	Mrs. R. R. Willey,	128	\$15 00			
Landgrove	Manchester Library Assoc.	1892	No data.	1,366	0	0		
Manchester	Peru Free Library,	1895	M. M. Whitney,	128	15 00			Building being erected by Mrs. F. S. Nilling.
Peru								
Pownal								
Readsboro								
Rupert								
Sandgate								
Shaftsbury	So. Shaftsbury Lib. Assoc.,	1874	Mrs. Sarah Mirfield,	500	7 00	20 00		
Searsburgh								
Stamford	Stamford Public Library.	1895	Fanny Tomlinson,	145	15 00			
Sunderland	Sunderland Town Library,	1896	H. S. Burt,	Yes				
Winhall								
Woodford								

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Name of Library.	Date of Establishment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Gifted.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endowment.	By Whom Endowed.
Barnet.								
Burke.								
Danville.								
Groton.	1882	Ida M. Page.	1,100	--				
Groton.	1895	Maggie J. Morrison	400	Yes	\$ 25 00	\$13 34		
Hardwick.	1895	Mrs. Dana Cowles.	724	Yes	100 00			
Kirby.	1895	Mrs. C. R. Bartlett.	116	Yes	15 00			
Lyndon.	1895	E. M. Campbell,	481	Yes	50 00			
Newark.	Not free.							
Peacham.	No data.	Anna E. Renford,	1,648	No			\$ 1,350	Thaddeus Stevens,
Ryegate.	1895	Mary S. Beattie,	400	Yes				{ Mrs. M. E. Merrill, Mrs. R. E. Jones.
Sheffield.								Horace Fairbanks.
St. Johnsbury.	1871	Louise L. Bartlett.	14,301	No			52,000	
Stannard.								
Sutton.	1895	L. B. Wilson,	260	Yes	25 00			
Walden.	1895	Geo. T. Eastman,	250	Yes	25 00			
Waterford.	1896	E. W. Brown,	No data.	Yes	25 00			
Wheelock.								

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Bolton.....	Billings Library,	1800	T. R. Barnum,	50,325				
Burlington.....								
"	Fletcher Free Library,	1874	Sarah C. Hagar,	35,000	\$3,200	No	\$175 00	\$50,000 Frederick Billings,
{ Winooski }	Horsford Library,	1875	Harris Prindle,	1,000		No		10,000 Miss Maria Loomis
{ Colchester }								1,200 Wheeler Fund.
Essex.....								500 Strong Fund.
Hinesburgh.....								*600 Miss Mary Fletcher
Huntington.....								*50 00 I. H. Sherman.
Jericho.....								
Milton.....								
Richmond.....								
Shelburne.....	Shelburne Free Library,	1888	Mrs. M. E. Hurley,	453	25 00	Yes	2 26	
So. Burlington.....								
St. George.....								
Underhill.....								
Westford.....	Westford Free Library,	1895	Eva M. Macomber,	275	25 00	Yes		
Williston.....								

*Annually.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	% Aid.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Bakersfield									
Berkshire									
Enosburgh	Enosburgh Town Library,	1896	A. E. Galbraith,	No data.	Yes	\$100 00	No data.		
Fairfax									
Fairfield									
Fletcher	Fletcher Public Library,	1896	Mrs. C. Carpenter,	110	Yes	25 00			
Franklin	Franklin Library	1896	F. L. Hopkins,		Yes	25 00	No data.		
Georgia	Free Public Library	1895	Abner Bliss,	No data.	Yes	25 00			
Highgate									
Montgomery	Montgomery Free Library,	1895	Nina Patenaude,	197	Yes	25 00	\$1 50		
Richford	Arvin Brown Pub. Lib'y,	No data.	I. F. Calkins,	800	No				
Sheldon	Sheldon Free Pub. Lib'y,	1895	No data.	125	Yes	25 00		\$400 00*	Arvin A. Brown.
St. Albans									
Swanton									

* Annually.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establishment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endowment.	By Whom Endowed.
Alburgh	Alburgh Town Library,	1896	Mrs. Oscar Brayton	No data	Yes \$500 00	No data		
Grand Isle	Isle La Motte Free Library,	1895	Mary Montgomery	117	Yes 15 00			
South Hero	So. Hero Public Library,	1895	Mrs. W. P. Hall,	106	Yes 15 00			
North Hero								

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establishment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endowment.	By Whom Endowed.
Belvidere								
Cambridge								
Eden								
Elmore								
Hyde Park	Hyde Park Public Library,	1895	H. M. Noyes,	800	Yes \$ 50 00			
Johnson	Johnson Free Library,	1895	L. M. Jones,	267	Yes 50 00			
Morristown	Morristown Public Library	No data	F. Glead Fleetwood	1500	No 725 00		\$100*	
Waterville	Public Library,	1895	Town Clerk,	No data	Yes 150 00	No data	No data	
Wolcott								
Stowe	Stowe Free Library,	1896	Mrs. M. A. Jenney,	2000	No 25 00			

* Annually.

ORANGE COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	2 ^d reg. of '95	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Bradford	Bradford Public Library,	1895	Mrs. A. O. Spalding,	2,400	No			\$5,000	I. L. Woods.
Braintree									
Brookfield	Brookfield Library Asso.,	1791	W. I. Blodgett,	2,000	No		\$48 52		
Chelsea	Chelsea Public Library,	1892	Miss Nellie Corwin	1,077	No	\$ 50 00			
Corinth	East Corinth Pub. Library,	1893	Mrs. E. George,	400	No	No data.	no data.	No data.	No data.
Fairlee									
Newbury	Newbury Village Library,	1868	F. M. Atkinson,	1,400	No			*12 00	
Orange	Orange Public Library,	1881	Mrs. B. F. Davis,	500	Yes	15 00			
Randolph	Randolph Public Library,	1896	No data.	250	Yes	100 00			
Strafford	Harris Library,	1842	Marian C. Hatch,	4,000	No			*48 00	
Thetford	Peabody Library,	1866	Harvey Dodge	6,500	No			2,000	Geo. Peabody.
"	Latham Memorial,	1877	Miss M. Fletcher,	3,000	No		5 00	*125 00	Mrs. A. Borney.
Topsnam									
Tunbridge									
Vershire	Free Library,	1895	K. C. Darling,	No data	Yes	15 00			
West Fairlee									
Williamstown	Williamstown Soc. Lib'r'y,	1803	Geo. E. Wilber,	2,600	No		40 00		
Washington									

*Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Albany.....								
Barton.....	Barton Town Library,	1895	I. N. Webster,	No data,	Yes	\$50 00	No data.	
Brownington.....								
Charleston.....								
Coventry.....								
Craftsbury.....								
Derby.....								
Glover.....								
Greensboro.....	Library Association,							
Holland.....								
Irasburg.....								
Jay.....								
Lowell.....								
Morgan.....								
Newport.....	Free Library,	1895	No data.	No data,	Yes	100 00		
Troy.....								
Westfield.....	Westfield Town Library,	1896	Mrs. E. Brown,	No data,	Yes	15 00		
Westmore.....	Westmore Public Library,	1896	Mary E. Lyon,	130	Yes	15 00	[About]	

RUTLAND COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establish- ment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endow- ment.	By Whom Endowed.
Benson	Benson Town Library.	1865	Dr. C. E. Strong,	700	No			
Brandon	Brandon Ladies Book Club,	No data.	Mrs. C. E. Savery,	3,000	No	\$80 00		
Castleton	Chittenden Free Pub. Lib.	1895	E. I. Perry,	188	Yes \$ 25 00			
Clarendon								
Danby								
Fair Haven	Fair Haven Pub. Library,	1887	Elizabeth Perkins,	3,000	No	600 00		
Hubbardton								
Ira								
Mendon								
Middletown								
Mt. Holly								
Mt. Tabor								
Pawlet	Pawlet Town Library,	No data.	No Data.					
Pittsford	Maclure Library,	1839	Bertha M. Shaw,	3,600	No	250 00		H. F. Walker & others.
Poultney	Poultney Public Library,	1895	Addie Kilborn,	1,000	Yes	600 00		
Proctor	Proctor Library Association	1881	J. T. Glasson,	4,000	No	67 55		
Rutland	H. H. Baxter, Memorial,	1891	Mrs W H Pomeroy	19,000	No			Sup. by H. H. Baxter.
"	Rutland Free Library,	1886	Mary L. Titcomb,	10,000	No	3,000	73 00	Theo. L. Smith fund.
							652 00	Joel B. Harris fund.
Sherburne								
Shrewsbury								
Sudbury								
Tinmouth								
Wallingford	Gilbert Hart Library,	1894	Minnie Townsend,	2,150	No	352 44		[Gilbert Hart
Wells								Building given by Mr.
West Haven								
West Rutland	W. Rutland Library Asso.	No data.	Geo. M. Hascall,	1,160	No	350 00		

WINDSOR COUNTY.

	Name of Library.	Date of Establishment.	Name of Librarian.	No. Vols. May '96.	By Whom Endowed.	Annual Tax.	Annual Dues.	Endowment.
Andover.	Andover Public Library,	1895	H. B. Stannard,	108	Yes	\$ 15 00		
Baltimore.								
Bethel.								
Barnard.								
Bridgewater.								
Cavendish.	Fletcher Town Library,	1870	E. G. White,	5000	No	160 00		\$ 100* Judge R. Fletcher.
Chester.	Whiting Free Library,	1892	C. Ginevra Pollard	2451	No			4,000 Laurin G. & Abigail B. Whiting.
Hartford.								
Hartland.	Free Library.	1896			Yes			
Ludlow.	Florence Memorial Library	1892	Miss Lizzie Crane,	1790	No			250* James S. Gill.
Norwich.	Norwich Public Library,	1881	Mary J. Davis,	2014	No	37 00		
Plymouth.								
Pomfret.	Pomfret Public Library,	1896	Mrs. W. A. Perkins		Yes	25 00		
Reading.	Library Association,							
Rochester.	Free Public Library.	1895	Miss Jessie Morgan	No data	Yes	50 00		
Royalton.	Free Public Library,	1896	Rev. H. M. Goddard	271	Yes	25 00		
Sharon.	Sharon Public Library,	1895	Mrs. C. R. Adams,	1000	Yes	25 00	\$ 5 00	
Springfield.								
Stockbridge.	Stockbridge Public Free Library.	1895	J. H. Chedel,	218	Yes	25 00		
Weathersfield.								
Windsor.	Windsor Library Association,	1882	Rev. E. N. Goddard	7800	No	350 00		About 15,000
Woodstock.	Norman Williams Public Library.	1888	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith,	9826	No			2,720* Dr. E. H. Williams
Weston.	Weston Library Association,	No data	Emma C. Peabody,	870	No			
West Windsor.	W. Windsor Free Pub. Lib.	1895	Sidney Walker,	100	Yes	25 00	No data	No data

* Annually.

SELECTION AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

In making up the lists of books for the different towns every condition or fact that could properly affect the selection has been duly considered. In dealing with the application of any town a list of the books already available for that town, if there were any, was procured, the nature of its population and their pursuits was carefully studied, and suggestions from its library trustees as to the books that would be most useful and valuable were most earnestly invited. This plan has been followed in every instance, and the result is that among the fifty-nine lists there are no duplicates. For the same reason, the number of books furnished the different towns has varied, ranging from 90 to 147. Before purchasing any books the commissioners submitted, under exactly the same conditions, a list of nearly 500 titles to a number of wholesale dealers in different cities, and it is a matter of satisfaction to the commissioners, as it ought to be to every citizen of the state, that a Vermont firm could bid materially lower than any other house, and thus secure the contract. Equally favorable terms could not be secured by dealing directly with the publishers. Many of the libraries of the state, after careful investigation of the matter, are now procuring their books through this firm. In many instances, the dealers have, by taking advantage of special sales, been able to furnish the books at a lower price than that stated in the bid, and have voluntarily done so.

In selecting the books, the first aim has been of course, to procure such as contain the matter most interesting and useful for their readers. The second purpose, and one closely adhered to, has been to furnish books that, as good products of the book-maker's art, would command at least the respect of their users. The opposite course might have added largely to the number of books furnished each town, but not, we think, to the value and permanence of its library. It has seemed to the commissioners advisable that in all of the libraries, however small, the different

departments of literature should be represented in fair proportion, but in some measure especial prominence has been given to works relating to our state, and national history. The following are the lists of books furnished three of the towns that were practically without books :

(a) Short History of Art, American Girl's Handybook, Music Study in Germany, Hawthorne's Wonderbook, Each and All, Deerslayer, Boyhood in Norway, Jungle Book, Robinson Crusoe, Red Fairy Book, Two Little Pilgrims, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown at Rugby, Battlefields of '61, Summer in Hawaii, Rulers of the Mediterranean, Our Italy, Boy Travellers, Japanese Girls, Tramp Across the Continent, Across Asia, Well Worn Roads, Three in Norway, Family Flight, House of the Wolfe, Man of the Moss Hags, Danvis Folks, Prisoner of Zenda, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Romola, Our Mutual Friend, Marble Faun, Ivanhoe, Black Arrow, Bog, Myrtle and Peat, New England Fields, Jacobite, Cat of Bubastes, Green Mountain Boys, Courage, Water Babies, Lost in the Jungle, Midshipman Paulding, Red Jackets, Story of the American Indian, Little Women, Two Little Confederates, Clover, Nan, Julius Cæsar, Ethan Allen, Gen. Sherman, Grant's Memoirs, English Men of Letters, Daniel Webster, George William Curtis, Life of Napoleon, Recollections of Lincoln, New England Boyhood, Famous Men of Science, Sovereigns of Europe, Pushing to the Front, Stalker's Life of Christ, Our Country, Standish of Standish, Casting Away of Mrs. Lex, Armored of Lyonesse, Wolfenberg, Lorna Doone, Saracinesca, Sant Ilario, Dr. Breen's Practice, Life of Nancy, Exiles, John Bodewin's Testimony, Winners in Life's Race, Electricity for Everybody, How to Know the Wild Flowers, Miss Parloa, Astronomy with an Opera Glass, Our Common Birds, Little Brothers of the Air, Child's Garden of Verse, Characterists of Women, American Writers of To-day, American Poems, Tennyson, Golden Treasury, Lamb's Tales, From the Easy Chair, Democracy, Story of the Nation, Critical

Period of American History, Robinson's Vermont, Twelve Decisive Battles, Young Folks' History of France, Short History of English People, Holy Roman Empire, 1 Vol. Parkman, Peak and Prairie, Toilers of the Sea, Cadet Days, Malcolm, Fishin Jimmy, In Ole Virginia, Two Years Ago, In the Golden Days, Pendennis, Ben Hur, Jane Field, Chaplet of Pearls, Meadow Grass, Village Watch Tower, Under the Red Robe, Count Antonio, Captain Horn, Birdcraft.

(b) Green Mountain Boys, We Girls, Family Flight, Red Fairy Book, African Travellers, Little Sisters, Prince and Pauper, Lamb's Tales, Winning his way, Oregon Trail, Across Asia, Boy Travellers, China, New Eldorado, Tramp Trip, Rulers of the Mediterranean, Across the Continent, Around the World in the Yacht Sunbeam, Thousand Miles up the Nile, The Great West, Saunterings, Pushing to the Front, Bullfinch Mythology, Our Country, American Poems, Blue Poetry, Sketch Book, Golden Treasury, Afternoon Songs, Blue Jackets, Greece, Vermont, Boys of '76, Household history of the U. S., Rome, Mexico, English History, Yonge's France, Decisive Battles, Bow of Orange Ribbon, Sunrise, Saracinesca, In the Golden Days, Newcomes, Bleak House, Ben Hur, Timothy's Quest, Unknown to History, Sherlock Holmes, Leavenworth Case, Hoosier Schoolmaster, In His Name, Marble Faun, Wedding Journey, Romona, House of the Wolf, Raiders, Gallegher, Sam Lovell, Prisoner of Zenda, Quinten Durward, Marie, Romola, Toilers of the Sea' Foot, Lady or the Tiger, Fishin Jimmy, David Eldenbrood, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Jupiter Lights, John Brent, Unknown Heroine, Raleigh, Memoirs of Sherman, Personal Mem. Grant, Napoleon, Boy Heroes, Ethan Allen, Gustavus Adolphus, Tenting on the Plains, American Writers, Lincoln, Chittenden, Life of Alcott, Washington, Girls' Handybook, Boys' Handybook, Talking Leaves, Wonder Book, Lord Fauntleroy, Spy, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown, Capt. January, Jungle Book, Velvet Gowns, Beautiful Joe, Story of

Patsey, Little Women, Columbus, Redskins, Cudjo's Cave, Among the Lawmakers, Moths and Butterflies, Wild Flowers, Miss Parloa, Little Brothers, Land Birds, Middlemarch, Boys' England, Chosen Valley, Under Fire, Electricity, Two Years Before the Mast; Beacon Lights, Melody, Famous Men of Science, William the Conqueror, My Apingi Kingdom.

(c) Among the Law Makers, Boston Cook-book, Familiar Flowers, Birds Calendar, Moths and Butterflies, Astronomy, Geology, Wonder Book, Flamingo Feather, Water Babies, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Prince and Pauper, Gulliver's Travels; Last of the Mohicans, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown's Schooldays, Tom Brown at Oxford, Captain January, Jungle Book, Little Sister, Beautiful Joe, Birds Xmas Carol, Hans Brincker, African Travellers, Pocahontas, For the Temple, Cat of Bubastes, My Apingi Country, Three Scouts, Green Mountain Boys, Faith Gartney's Girlhood, Family Flight, Green Fairy Book, Little Pussy Willow, Mrs. Dorr's Poems, Autocrat, Tales from Shakespeare, Heroic Ballads, Child's Garden of Verse, Lays of Ancient Rome, Age of Fable, New Era, Life of Christ, Oregon Trail, Our Italy, Strange Corners, Narcissa Bonnie Brier Bush, Errant Wooing, John Bodewin's Testimony, First Violin, David Elginbrood, Casting Away, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Anne, John Brent, Girl's Handy book Boy's Handy-book, Miss Alcott, Lincoln, Grant, Washington, Stoddard, Napoleon, Ethan Allen, Boots and Saddles, Julius Caesar, Two German Giants, American Explorers, Vanity Fair, Henry Esmond, Bleak House, Ben Hur, Polly Oliver, Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Romona, Mercy Philbrick's Choice, Hoosier Schoolmaster, Graysons, In His Name, Marble Faun, One Summer, Woman's Reason, Gentleman of France, Story of Margredel, Raiders, Uncle Lisha, Sam Lovell, Prisoner of Zenda, Unknown Heroine, Maycock's First Books of Electricity, Boy Travellers, Congo, Blue Grass, Round the World, Glimpses of Three Coasts, Two Years Before the Mast, Battle Fields of '61, Greece, Young Folks' Greece,

Story of Liberty, Old Times and Colonies, Robinson's Vermont, Household History of the U. S., Spain, Famous Escapes, Mexico, English History, Friend Olivia, Princess of Thule, Roman Singer, Caged Lion, Knight Errant, Beacon Lights, Pushing to the Front, American Writers of To-Day, Electricity, True to the Old Flag.

Library cards, record books, and other supplies have been procured at the lowest obtainable prices, and furnished to over thirty of the towns at cost.

Much time has been given and assistance rendered by the two librarians upon the Board in advising and directing library trustees as to the organization and management of their libraries.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE LIBRARY LAW.

Assuming that the library law was made for the good of the people of the State, the desire and effort of the Commissioners have been to make the public fully acquainted with its provision; to foster and encourage any genuine interest in library matters that might exist in any community, and to stimulate by legitimate means such interest where none existed. On the other hand, the utmost care has been taken not to encourage any town to take advantage of this Act simply to get a gift from the State. Library enthusiasts have been warned not to rely upon a momentary and fictitious enthusiasm, which, under a certain stimulus, might appear anywhere.

The results would seem to indicate that the efforts of the Commissioners have been reasonably successful. All of the libraries aided by the State show unmistakable signs of a vigorous life and of continued and increasing prosperity and usefulness. The gift from the State has evidently been accepted in the spirit in which it was intended, and has had its legitimate effect. In almost every

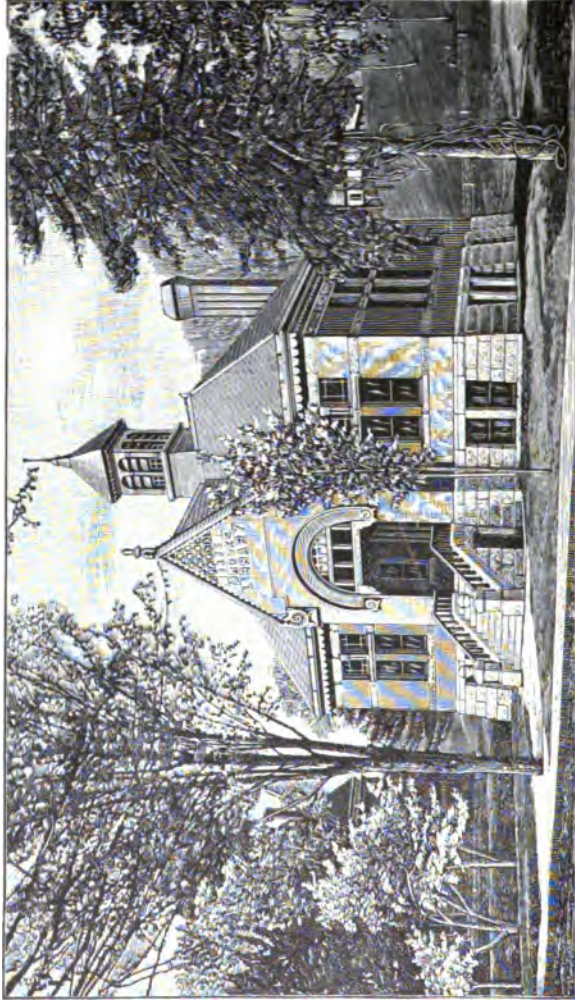
instance, additions have been made from various sources. Collections of books belonging to individuals, and organizations of different kinds have been donated to the town library. Funds for the purchase of new books have been raised by subscription and entertainments, both of which methods have served not only to increase the size of the library, but also to extend and deepen the interest in its welfare. To many of the libraries gifts of money, varying in size, have been made by those, who, with a thought for the future, as well as interest in all that elevates and refines in the present, have seen in the free public library a most favorable channel for their benevolence.

On the whole, it is the belief of the Commissioners that the effect of the library law has been most beneficial to the educational interest, in fact to all the material interests, of the State. The money expended has proved a good investment. Such at least is the testimony that comes from some of the smaller towns in which the libraries established have contributed wonderfully to the happiness, contentment and intellectual quickening of the people.

The work of the Commissioners must speak for itself. That it has silenced all criticism and fault-finding is not claimed. The Commissioners have not for a moment supposed that they were appointed for any such impossible task. The work has required from each Commissioner many days of labor, and it has all been done, as required by the law, without compensation, and all the expenses of the work have been kept within the small appropriation allowed for the purpose.

SOME OF THE
LARGER LIBRARIES OF VERMONT.

Descriptions and Illustrations.



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BRATTLEBORO FREE LIBRARY.

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The origin of the Brattleboro Free Library is to be found in the old Brattleboro Library Association, which dates from a meeting held October 3, 1842, "for the purpose of taking measures to organize a Public Library." Membership in this Association, conditioned on the payment of \$2.00 per share, subject to an annual assessment of \$1.00, was not confined to residents of the town. During the nearly forty years of the existence of this organization, the patrons never at any time exceeded a few hundreds, although the names of most of the well-known residents of Brattleboro and vicinity appear upon the list. In the winter of 1881-2, a movement was made to merge this library into one that

should be supported by the town, and made free to all residents. Consent of the individual shareholders was secured, and on the 7th day of March, 1882, the town voted to establish and maintain a Free Public Library as provided in the Revised Laws of Vermont, taking the books and other properties of the Association from the shareholders upon conditions set forth in the articles of agreement.

The year 1886 marks an era in the history of the Library, not less important than that in which it was adopted by the town. During this year Mr. George J. Brooks, with characteristic liberality, erected and furnished the present Brooks Library Building. His sudden death, a few days before the time appointed for the dedication, revealed his plans completed, even to the preparation of his address of presentation. On the evening of Jan. 25, 1887, at the service of dedication, the building was transferred by the executors of Mr. Brooks' estate to a Board of Trustees chosen by himself, by them to be held in trust for "the use and benefit of the town, for the purpose of a public library." Later, the heirs of Mr. Brooks placed in the hands of these Trustees the sum of \$15,000, for the maintenance of the building and its accessories. The Trustees of the Free Library, having been formally notified that the building was ready for their use, transferred the library to the present commodious quarters.

The Library numbers about 10,000 volumes for reference and circulation, besides about 2,000 in the Phelps Division. The latter are the gift of the late Judge James Phelps, of Townshend, and are for reference only. They consist of law books of special value, local history, and an interesting miscellaneous collection.

THE TENNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NEWBURY.

NEWBURY CENTRE, VT., Aug. 1, 1896.

At a special town meeting held in Newbury, January 28th, 1896, it was unanimously voted to accept the terms of a proposal made by Miss Martha J. Tenney, of Haverhill, Mass., to erect a

building in Newbury Village for a free public library for the citizens of Newbury.

The conditions were as follows :

1st. That the building should be inscribed "The Tenney Memorial Library," in honor of the donor's father, Col. A. B. W. Tenney, a life-long and prominent resident of Newbury.

2d. The library to be under the control and management of nine trustees. This board to be self-perpetuating.

3d. The town to appropriate, annually, a sum of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars towards the care, maintenance and increase of the library.

4th. The town to provide for an insurance of not less than \$4,000 on the building and contents.

5th. In case of refusal or neglect to make this appropriation, the sum not being otherwise provided, the property to revert to the donor or her heirs.

The conditions being accepted, Miss Tenney instructed Mr. H. M. Francis, an architect of, Fitchburg, Mass., to prepare the plans and specifications for a building forty by forty-five feet in size, one story in height, to contain a reading room, reference library, library for general circulation, and an upper room for works of art, with cases for the preservation of articles of historic value.

Work was begun about June 1st, on a valuable site donated by its owners, and the building is now, August 1st, in process of construction, Mr. Littlehale, of Fitchburg, Mass., being the contractor.

It will be Romanesque in style, built of Ryegate granite, Longmeadow stone, and red brick, to contain the present village library and such additions as are made to it by Miss Tenney and others. The building is expected to cost about ten thousand dollars, and to be completed the present autumn.

Respectfully yours,

F. P. WELLS,

Chairman of Library Trustees.



BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT—BOOK ROOM.

FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY, BURLINGTON, VT.

The Fletcher Free Library was founded on the 14th day of July, 1873, by Mrs. Mary L. Fletcher and Miss Mary M. Fletcher, who expressed their desire to found a Library in and for the city, to be called The Fletcher Free Library, "on condition that the city provide a suitable library building and care for the same at the cost of the city," for which purpose, Mrs. Fletcher offered to give ten thousand dollars for the purchase of useful books, and Miss Fletcher proposed to give ten thousand as a fund, the income to be used for the purchase of books for said library. The trustees of the library appointed by Mrs. and Miss Fletcher were M. H. Buckham, D. D., President of the University of Vermont, Rev. L. G. Ware, for twenty-five years pastor of the Unitarian Church of this city, Hon. E. J. Phelps, afterwards minister to England, Samuel Huntington, at the head of the book business in Burlington, and the mayor of the city, *ex-officio*. The selection of books was carefully made by the trustees and much pains was taken to make a beginning at least in every important class of books. History, Biography, and Travel were well filled at first, and the specialties of Science, Fine and Useful Arts, Mechanics, Medicine, etc., carefully selected. Fiction has always been kept small in proportion. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Men's Association of Burlington gave their books and book-cases to the library. These donations amounted to more than a thousand very valuable volumes. Some interested citizens also gave useful books and magazines. The old Court House was fitted up for a temporary library building, and is still in use, though becoming more inconvenient every year. The first books purchased were received May 31, 1874.

On July 6, 1875, the library was first opened to the public with T. P. W. Rogers as librarian. The circulation of books for

home use was 38,458 for the first year. It diminished rapidly until 1884, when the librarian resigned. The library was closed for three months. Miss Hagar was then appointed librarian, and entered on her duties January 19, 1885. The circulation has increased almost every year since, and has been more than 50,000 for the last year. The consultation of books in the library has increased even more rapidly, showing the use by those who come for serious study as well as others who desire only recreation and entertainment. The students of the University and the scholars of the different schools in town come to the library to pursue their various lines of study. Mechanics and artisans draw on its resources in their departments. The members of the various literary clubs are among the most constant and intelligent readers. A few German books have been added to the library for the use of the German residents. Those citizens who speak French make constant use of the collection of French books, histories, biographies, travels, as well as fiction.

The connection between the schools and the library has always been very close. Many of the teachers pursue courses of reading on some subject, aided by the library. The present system of issuing books to the schools began about fifteen years ago. Every teacher is expected to come to the library at the beginning of the school term and choose directly from the library shelves as many books as she requires. These are often retained through the term, but can be returned or exchanged, if any are found unsuitable for the purpose, or when one subject of study is finished and the books concerning it are no longer in use and others are needed. These books are carefully selected from the classes of history, biography, travel, popular science, and stories suited to the age of the scholars. About one thousand duplicate volumes are thus circulated every year, and each volume is in the hands of a number of children, the teacher keeping a careful account of them. Besides this there is scarcely a day in which scholars are not in the library, looking up some subject connected with their studies;

a fact connected with a lesson in geography, the life of a historical character, fuller information on some event, a reference to use in the study of civil government, matter for a lyceum debate, or a selection of prose or poetry for declamation.

The city has added the proceeds of the dog tax to our resources, enabling us to go on buying necessary books of Reference, and valuable books on the Fine Arts. We are consequently able to add more than 600 volumes every year. The new books are ordered every month, their coming in so frequently serves to keep up public interest in the library. The local newspapers are always ready to publish lists of new books and other items concerning the library, which would be useful to the library and of interest to their readers.

Notwithstanding a shabby building, often cold, and always ill ventilated, awkward stairs to climb for those who come to the library, insufficient shelf-room for the books and consequent confusion and trouble for the librarians, we hope the Fletcher Free Library has been a benefit to the community by proving a source of pleasure, usefulness, and improvement to the citizens of Burlington.



WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING, PITTSFORD, VT.

THE MACLURE LIBRARY, PITTSFORD.

The Maclure Library of Pittsford represents a hundred years of effort for mental improvement. A beginning was made when, on May 5, 1796, the "Librarian Society of Pittsford" was organized and adopted a constitution. It started with seventy-nine members, who had subscribed \$89, and at its first annual meeting, Jan. 2, 1797, it possessed 115 volumes, a number much increased in subsequent years.

Another, and possibly a rival society, the "Pittsford Library Company," was organized April 12, 1832, with twenty-eight members. It soon owned 150 volumes, and had a more or less vigorous life for several years.

In 1839 the "Maclure Library Association" was formed, absorbing what remained of the two previous organizations. It was incorporated under the laws of the State, and has continued its corporate existence without interruption to the present time.

Hon. T. H. Palmer was largely instrumental in founding the Maclure Library. He was a native of Scotland, who, after living for several years in Philadelphia, settled in Pittsford in 1828. Greatly interested in everything relating to the intellectual advancement of the community, he desired to see a good public library started, and ventured to write to William Maclure, a retired merchant of Philadelphia then living in the City of Mexico, stating the needs of the town and soliciting his aid. Mr. Maclure responded with the offer of \$400 if the town's people would raise an equal amount. More than \$600 was promptly subscribed by the citizens, and the library was soon in operation. It was a fixed rule from the beginning that all inhabitants of the town should have equal rights to the use

of the library on the same terms, which was a fee of fifty cents for a yearly subscription.

For a number of years after the civil war the library was little used, although the organization was kept up. But in January, 1888, the Nickwackett Book Club, composed of ladies in the village, offered a gift of about sixty volumes to the Association if the library could be reopened. The gift was accepted, new officers were chosen and measures were taken to raise funds. Senator Redfield Proctor gave \$400, and the town added \$100. For a time Hon. C. S. Colburn paid the annual fees for the school children of the town, thus awakening a more general interest in the library. These and other gifts made a steady growth possible, and more commodious accommodations soon became a necessity.

In 1895 Henry F. Walker, M. D., of New York, presented the association a beautiful and costly building, to be known as the Walker Memorial Building in memory of his brother, the late Hon. Stephen A. Walker, of New York.

It is constructed of pressed brick with terra cotta trimmings, and has a foundation of rock-faced marble. It contains a commodious reading room, the table of which is supplied with the current papers and magazines by the generosity of citizens, a town clerk's office, a delivery and stock room with shelf space for about 8,000 volumes. Since the erection of the building gifts from various persons to the amount of \$1,600 have been received, of which \$700 were immediately expended in the purchase of books and the remainder has been invested, the interest only to be used for the same purpose. Many valuable books have also been received as gifts, and there are now upon the shelves about 3,500 volumes.

For two years past the town has paid the fees of all school children, and the present year it pays the entire running expenses on condition that the library be made free to all the inhabitants of the town.

Membership in the corporation is gained by the payment of \$5.00 and a majority vote of the members present. Members have a right to vote in all business meetings of the corporation but have no special privileges in regard to the use of the books. The property of the corporation is under the control of a board of seven directors chosen at the annual meeting, who also have entire charge of the use and management of the library.



THE ATHENÆUM—ST. JOHNSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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St. Johnsbury Athenæum was founded and endowed by Horace Fairbanks, and presented to the town of which he had long been a most honored citizen.

The building, about 50x90 feet, with lecture hall on second floor, and Art Gallery extension, was begun in 1868, and opened to the public Nov. 27, 1871. That evening a lecture, last of a series, descriptive of the building and its treasures, was given, after which the presentation to the town was made by the donor, modestly and in few well-chosen words—to which response on behalf of the citizens was given by Hon. L. P. Poland.

In style, finish and contents the Athenæum was designed to embody an ideal of completeness, admirably representing the culture and refined tastes of its founder. The shelves were furnished with 8,000 volumes, carefully selected, adapted to varying tastes, many of them elegantly bound.

The first librarian, Rev. Wm. W. Thayer, during his ten year administration, impressed on the institution the fine ideals of the founder; these were well maintained by Charles A. Willard and Mrs. Abbie McNeil, successively. Andrew E. Rankin, Esq., as supervisor, greatly stimulated literary research. Since 1892, the present librarian, Miss Louise L. Bartlett, has greatly widened the influence and value of the Athenæum among the people.

The first catalogue, covering 9,000 books, was issued at Riverside press in 1875; the second, 3,000 books, in 1890; since then the plan of annual bulletins has been adopted. All books of recent years are card catalogued. No age limit is required; during the month of March, 1896, the number of books drawn by children was 1,250, which was three-eighths of the entire number given out that month. Two books are taken on a card, only



ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM—BOOK ROOM.

one of which may be fiction. The circulation for the year 1895, was 27,513. The volumes catalogued July 1, 1896, number 14,381. The reading room is furnished with 45 periodicals, home and foreign. The building is open from 9 to 6 o'clock each week day, and Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

The Art Gallery department of the Athenæum contains nearly 60 works of art in painting, sculpture and bronze, mostly by representative American artists, such as Gifford, Cropsey, G. L. Brown, T. W. Wood, Dr. Haas, the Harts, and others. G. Max, Verboeckhoven, Piot, and other foreign artists are represented; also excellent copies of Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Raphael, Del Sarto, Dolce, Bonheur. The central feature is Bierstadt's "Domes of the Yo Semite." A bust of the founder by J. Q. A. Ward has recently been placed in the gallery.

The Art Library includes a wide range of standard works on architecture, sculpture and painting; also as objects of interest, such atlas folios as the Musée Royal, Musée Français, Musée des Antiques, ten vols.; Roberts' Oriental Lands, etc.; besides many photographs of notable buildings and masterpieces of sculpture and painting.

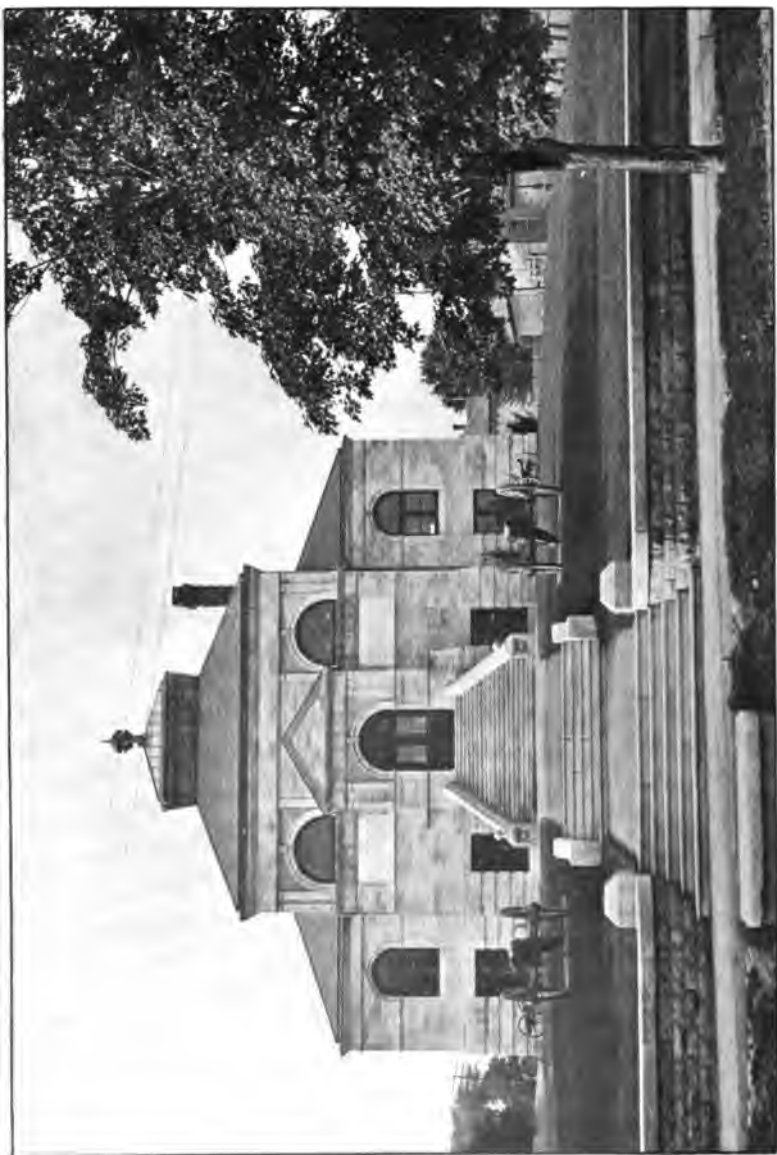
The endowment, including the Isabel Fairbanks Farwell memorial fund of \$5,000 for books, is \$52,000.



THE NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY, WOODSTOCK, VT.

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The Norman Williams Public Library at Woodstock, Vt., was erected in 1883-84, and endowed as a perpetual memorial of his father and mother by Dr. Edward H. Williams, of Philadelphia, and named in honor of them. The principal building materials employed are native to the State of Vermont; the walls are red Burlington stone, trimmings are gray Barre granite, and gray Isle La Motte limestone. The plan of the building is simple, the general outline being T shaped, with entrance in center of the head of the letter, through an arcade which encloses a recessed porch. This porch has walls of finely cut Isle La Motte stone, marble-tiled floor, and a heavily panelled wooden ceiling. The reading room is 18x27, and 13½ feet high; reference room and librarian's office each 18x13½, and same height as reading room; book room 54½x24½, walls of this room lined to the height of 8 feet with variegated Vermont marbles polished. All the interior work is Georgia pine, finished to show its natural warm color. The windows are glazed with plate glass, with outside winter sashes. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas, the fixtures are in old gold color, very massive, of antique form from special designs. It has been open eleven years, and there are now nearly 10,000 volumes.



MEMORIAL HALL.—RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY, RUTLAND, VT.

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY.

The Rutland Free Library was organized in 1886 by an association of sixty of the women of Rutland, with Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr as its president. It was opened to the public in July of that year, in an up-stairs room on Merchants Row, the business street of the town, and had upon its shelves at that time 3,234 volumes. The circulation for that year was 20,283 volumes. At the March meeting, in 1887, the town adopted it by voting a tax sufficient for its support. In 1889 the library was moved into its present quarters, in Memorial hall, the use of a part of that building having been granted by a vote of the town.

If "that country is happiest which has no history," then indeed is the Rutland Free Library most fortunate, for since its inception, its progress has been constant, both as to the increase of its books and of its use by the people of the city and town. It is almost purely a working library, having a substantial list of reference books and a well selected library on general topics of interest. There are also two reading rooms supplied with 63 periodicals. At the present time it numbers 10,000 volumes and has an annual circulation of 57,000. Its affairs are still managed by an association of women, who elect each year an executive committee, the funds for its support being supplied by an annual appropriation from the city. In 1889, Miss Julia P. Humphrey, the first librarian, tendered her resignation and her place was filled by the election of Miss Mary L. Titcomb, who still holds the position.

"THE H. H. BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY,"
RUTLAND.

[Erected in memory of Henry Horace Baxter, by his widow, Mary E. Baxter, and his son, Hugh Henry Baxter. Was built as a perpetual memorial to a man distinguished in benevolence—prominent in public spirit—who was, during the war, appointed adjutant-general of the State of Vermont.]

The building is of hewn stone, a rough-faced grey marble, in the Romanesque style, rising on a massive base, situated on the north and west corner of the avenue which leads to the family summer residence. It is capped with a square tower, with Roman arches, through which can be seen an extended view of the city of Rutland, encircled by the surrounding mountains.

The capacity of the library admits of about 20,000 volumes. These are compactly shelved in nine alcoves, which radiate from the octagonal sides toward an open centre, being closely packed on either side with volumes, which are classified in *Art, Autobiography, Fiction, Drama, Folk-lore, History, Literature, Theology, Science, Travel, Shakespeare*, and the *Classics*, as well as a large range of Lexicons and Manuals of Reference.

There are two spacious, well-lighted reading rooms, on the east and west ends, opening from a large central room, munificently furnished with carved oaken furniture; and carpeted with Persian rugs.

The woodwork is in carved quartered oak of fine workmanship; the wide open fire-place showing fine polished marbles set with Mexican onyx; every accessory corresponding in elegance and finished detail.

In both Reading Rooms are cabinets containing valuable art works, from the earliest Italian, to the latest French school, chief of which are "*The National Gallery*," "*The Turner Gallery*," "*The Rembrandt Gallery*," "*Holbein's Court of Henry the 8th*," "*Albert Durer's Grand Passion*," etc.; also Photo-

graphs, from the old Masters, inclusive of best examples of early Medieval and Modern art.

Hundreds of volumes bound in full calf, crushed morocco, parchment and bellum, resplendent in gold and tooling. Several *Aldines* and *Elzivirs*, such as are kept under glass in great libraries, are to be seen in the alcoves, generously open to the public,—of course, to be handled with respect and care. One of the earliest of the Venetian Press is “Cicero’s *Epistolae ad Familiares cum Hubertine clerics Comments*, printed in 1483.

The library is especially full in “Poetry” and “English Literature.” The books relating to America are chiefly biographical. In Biblical and Church Literature is Pius the 6th’s Bible, bearing his coat of arms and crest, stamped in gold on vellum, The Barker Bible, the Coverly, etc.

Nearly all the editions are from London and Edinburgh, only the best specimens of American binding being represented. A liberal education in the history of engraving, costume, caricature, and printing, is within reach of the enquirer, and it is safe to say that there is no collection of equal quality or rarity to be found outside the limits of the largest cities.

The collection is the outgrowth of a long life of a fastidious scholar, to whom Mrs. Baxter and her son intrusted the work, in which seven years were fully occupied in both America and Europe in the collection of the volumes.

Prof. Walter H. Pomeroy was a classical scholar of rare taste; a bibliophile, and bibliographer, who spent the last years of his life in this labor, placing the books in the alcoves in which they now stand.

His wife, Mrs. Pomeroy, has remained as Librarian since his death, in 1891.

The Library is merely for reference, no books being taken out of it. It is open from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

Rutland, 13th August, 1896.



THE KELLOGG-HUBBARD PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONTELLIER.

MONTPELIER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Montpelier had a library for general use as early as 1794. It was a circulating library of about 200 volumes, located at "the Centre," and containing neither novels nor religious works. Another library, "not quite so exclusive in character," was started in "the village" in 1814, under an organization known as "The Village Library Society," which continued in existence till 1850, when the members voted to transfer their interests to the "Young Men's Library Institute"—("Association," rather)—which was organized Dec. 26, 1849, but had not a long life. According to D. P. Thompson, "a Lyceum, with another and still more choice library, had been started in 1827, and were now," (1830) "in successful operation." About 1860 "The Agricultural Library" was established, but its shelves were not well replenished, and it fell into decay and disuse. Twice, at least, reading-rooms were opened between 1860 and 1880, in which the news of the day and the popular magazines were spread before the public without charge. These were sustained for a time—(the latest for some five years)—by popular subscriptions, the proceeds of lecture courses, etc. But none of these varied efforts had a financial basis sufficiently strong to ensure permanency.

Originating from a suggestion of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, an attempt was made in 1882 to secure by subscription \$5,000, as a basis for a Public Library which should thus be valuable and comprehensive enough to command lasting interest and support. This attempt failed; but it was renewed in 1884 with success, and "The Montpelier Public Library Association" was organized March 16, 1885. Although this is an association of stockholders, and for a time a small fee was required, now this library, including over 5,000 volumes, and its reading-room, are entirely free to the public; and by an arrange-

ment with the Young Men's Christian Association (established in 1895), in which "The Thomas W. Wood collection in the Gallery of Fine Arts," also shares, the library is provided with quarters free of charge in the building rented by the Association.

The latest-born of Montpelier's libraries, (opened Jan. 2, 1896), is "The Kellogg-Hubbard Library," commemorating in its name Martin M. Kellogg, and Fanny M. Hubbard, his wife, late of New York. It occupies an elegant granite building, most centrally located, which was erected by John E. Hubbard (who succeeded to the estates of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg), in accordance with the terms of settlement of the suit of the town of Montpelier against him, except that Mr. Hubbard expended upon the building about \$30,000 more than the contract of settlement required. In the edifice and its contents, the commodious grounds, and the invested funds the library has a plant of the value of \$80,000, which is managed by five "Trustees for the inhabitants of the town of Montpelier." Its books already number more than 6,200, of which there were in the first six months of its existence, more than 19,000 issues to some 1,500 borrowers. Its spacious reading-room contains about fifty magazines, and over thirty newspapers, which, together with the contents of the library proper, are all open to the public daily without charge. In both the libraries all persons are permitted free access to the books upon the shelves.

It may be proper to add to the foregoing a reference to some libraries in Montpelier which are not open to the whole community, viz: The Alumni Library of the Montpelier Seminary founded in 1883, and containing about 1,000 volumes. The library of the Washington County Grammar School, comprising some 3,800 volumes, the library of the Vermont Historical Society, about 5,000 volumes, and the Vermont State Library, about 30,000 volumes, founded in 1825.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE LIBRARY.

The library of Middlebury College, while first of all collegiate and one of the centers of the academic life, is nevertheless public in many of its features. No restrictions are placed on its use as a reference library by any who may wish to so employ it, and large numbers of its books are loaned, without charge, to residents of Middlebury and vicinity. In this regard the policy of the authorities is most liberal.

The library contains between 17,000 and 18,000 volumes, exclusive of government publications, of which it is a depository. In its older elements, dating back for more than ninety years, its make-up is similar to that of many another—it is an aggregation of bequests, of the books of local societies since dead, and of the scanty purchases of a time when finances were far from easy. Of the student societies whose books went finally to swell the collegiate collection, the chief were the Philadelphian (religious) and the Philomatherian (literary). In its later and more important growth, the accessions have been directed not only to the enlarging of general lists but to the enriching of the various departmental collections.

The efficiency of the library as a working center has steadily grown. Before the early '80's, its quarters were in that part of the chapel building now occupied by the museum. An extract from a series of rules then in force at that time will serve to illustrate the difference between then and now as regards the methods of administration. In the first place, it was not an every-day affair. "The library will be open for one hour on Saturdays at 9 A. M." But even that one hour was not a time for possible introduction to the library as such. The next rule states the restrictions: "Students are admitted to the ante-room of the library. The Librarian will, upon application, place upon the library tables any books which it may be desired to consult or inspect." In other words, the efficacy that attaches to actual

contact with a library in its habitation could only communicate itself to the student body through a hole in the wall. Things are done better now-a-days. The hour a week has expanded into thirty-nine. Each shelf is accessible to every library used. Well-equipped reading and reference rooms are connected with the library proper, and the library itself occupies four floors, each thirty feet square, in the north division of Painter Hall. As the facilities for work have increased, its use is more and more required of students by the various instructors. Constant reference is made in class-room to books by volume and page. Works helpful in the investigation of special subjects are reserved in shelves upon the first floor. As a result, a higher grade of scholarship and study has been made possible.

The catalogues in use are three : a card catalogue of authors, another of titles and subjects, and a written book catalogue (hardly necessary) of both titles and authors. A shelf catalogue will shortly be prepared. The officials are the librarian, selected from the faculty, and one assistant.

The library can show no treasures of special value or importance, though many of its volumes, through association, are worthy of passing notice. Professor William Chauncey Fowler, who from 1828 to 1838 occupied the chair of chemistry and natural history, was a son-in-law of Noah Webster and a co-laborer in the preparation of the dictionary. In consequence, the earlier editions of that work have, in their illustrative examples, a pleasant local flavor. A number of interesting volumes bear the presentation autograph of the great dictionary maker.

It is hoped that the college will be able to celebrate its centennial in 1900 by the dedication of a new library building. For this the plans have already been prepared ; if carried out they will result in a beautiful structure costing some \$50,000 and admirably adapted to making possible the most approved library methods.

C. B. WRIGHT, Librarian.

Middlebury College Library, Sept. 23, 1896.

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,
THE BILLINGS LIBRARY, August 18, 1896.

Principal S. W. Landon, Commissioner, &c.

DEAR SIR :—In response to your request I send a very brief statement respecting the growth and management of our library.

At this writing it contains 50,000 volumes, without counting duplicates or pamphlets. It has shelving for 100,000 volumes, but this capacity can easily be increased to 150,000 or more by using available space in the basement of the building.

Our gifts in 1893-94 amounted to 1,163 volumes and 1,290 pamphlets ; in 1894-95 to 2,600 volumes and 1,604 pamphlets. In this last item is included the valuable private library of the late Professor William G. T. Shedd, LL. D. (1,878 volumes) which has added materially to our resources, especially in philosophy and theology.

The annual income from special funds is a little over \$1,000. This sum is distributed to the several departments of instruction, and expended under the supervision of a special Committee of the Faculty which meets weekly to consider all matters relating to the management of the library. A special gift of \$10,000 from Mr. Billings for the immediate purchase of books enabled us to supply our more serious wants. About 3,800 volumes have been added by use of this fund, and work in the various departments greatly facilitated by use of these latest and best authorities.

A large and carefully selected list of American and foreign Periodical literature, literary and scientific, is found on the tables in the central hall. This is provided for principally by a special library-fee of \$2.00, paid annually by each student, and supplemented by the income of a fund producing \$30.00 a year.

Students have free access to the contents of the main library, and to the shelves of the Marsh Library by special permission.

Every facility for consultation and reading is afforded throughout the building, the alcoves as well as the halls being supplied with chairs and tables. Cyclopædias, dictionaries and other works of reference are at hand everywhere, though more numerous in the central hall. The bound sets of periodicals are arranged in alphabetical order as a Reference Library, with special catalogues and indexes on the tables, giving ready access to the best and latest papers on all topics. The careful classification and cataloguing of all material, pamphlets as well as books, make the stores of the library easily accessible. An exhaustive index to the treasures of the Marsh collection is furnished in a "dictionary" Catalogue of 742 pages octavo (1892), while a Card Catalogue serves as a guide to the contents of the main book-room.

The efficiency of the Library dates from about 1835. when Professor Joseph Torrey, after prolonged study of catalogues on the part of the Faculty and consultation with experts in other colleges, purchased some 7,000 volumes in Europe at a cost of about \$8,750. This original collection has a value which can not be estimated by the number of volumes, nor does the sum expended measure to-day the money value of the books. Only one other college in the United States (Harvard) at that day possessed a library equally well suited to the needs of an institution of learning.

The library is just now making an effort to collect all printed matter which concerns the history of Vermont. Besides rare early documents and general and local histories, it possesses bound files of the *Vermont Chronicle* from April, 1826 (complete); the *Daily Free Press* from April, 1848 (complete); the *Vermont Watchman* and *Walton's Daily Journal* from 1828 to 1869, besides a few other Vermont files of value. Contributions to this department, including Vermont biography and literature, are greatly desired.

The choice collection of Works on Art is supplemented and illustrated by about 2,000 Photographs gathered by the Rev. L.

G. Ware, and also by 2,000 Casts from Antique Gems, formerly belonging to Lord Vernon. This collection was presented by Mrs. Billings, and is the largest of its class in the United States.

Of the number of volumes consulted in a term or a year, no report can be made. While books are loaned freely for private use, the habit of reading and investigating in the library itself is constantly increasing in the student body. Books are loaned also when not needed by faculty or students, for use in the High school or city, or to individuals more remote who are making special investigations. All comers are welcomed who will make proper use of the books.

The library is open eight hours daily in term time, from 8:30 A. M. to 6 P. M., with a recess from 12:30 to 2 P. M., and two hours on Sundays, from 2 to 4 P. M.; in vacations, five hours each week-day, from 9 to 12, and from 2 to 4.

Respectfully,

J. E. GOODRICH,

For the Library Committee.



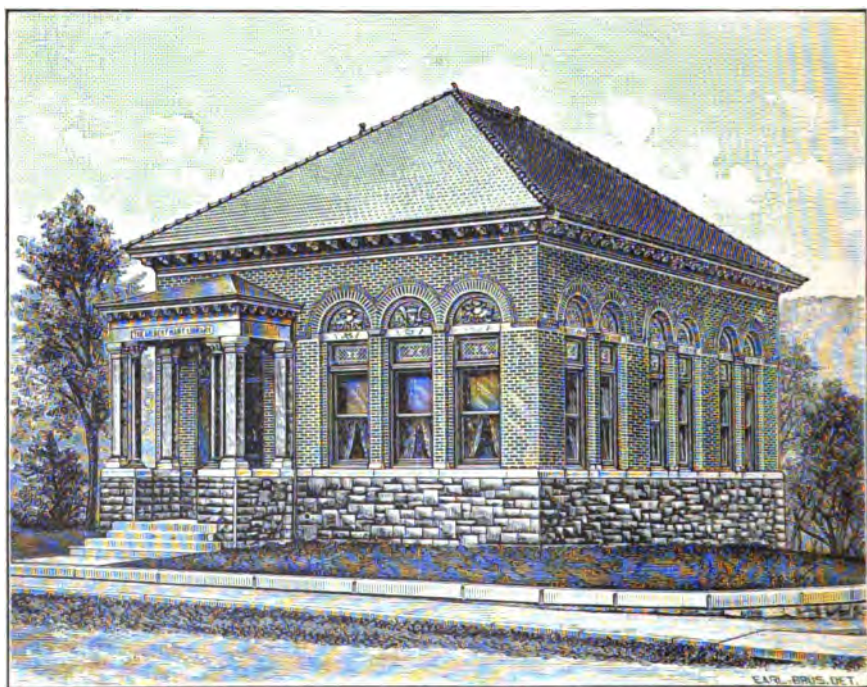
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VERMONT STATE LIBRARY.

The Vermont State Library, in Montpelier, was established November 17, 1825. Since 1857 it has been under the management of a board of trustees. It is supported by the State and is for the use of citizens of the State for consultation. Legislators and State officers may take books from the library, and they are taken from the library for use in hearings before the Supreme Court, which holds its sessions in the same building. The library occupies the annex to the State House erected in 1885-6, the building having been constructed by virtue of an appropriation of \$36,000 by the legislature of 1884. It is open daily throughout the year from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and during session of the legislature from 8 a. m. till the close of legislative committee work in the evening. The librarian is Hiram A. Huse, who receives a salary of \$350 per annum, and the first assistant librarian is Thomas L. Wood, whose salary is \$1,000 per annum. During the session of the legislature, a second assistant librarian and a messenger are in attendance, who receive a per diem pay for their service.

The trustees are three *ex-officio*, the Governor, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, and Secretary of State; three State trustees, E. J. Phelps, William P. Dillingham and Robert Roberts; and three resident trustees, Joseph Poland, J. Edward Wright and George W. Wing. The trustees, by legislative authority, fill vacancies in the office of State and resident trustees.

The library contained on May 1, 1896, about 30,000 bound volumes, exclusive of duplicates, about 800 of which have been added in the last year. The State appropriation for the purchase of books is \$800 per year and such sum as is received from the sale of Vermont Law Reports (the printed decisions of the Supreme Court).



GILBERT HART LIBRARY, WALLINGFORD, VT.

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Vermont Statutes.

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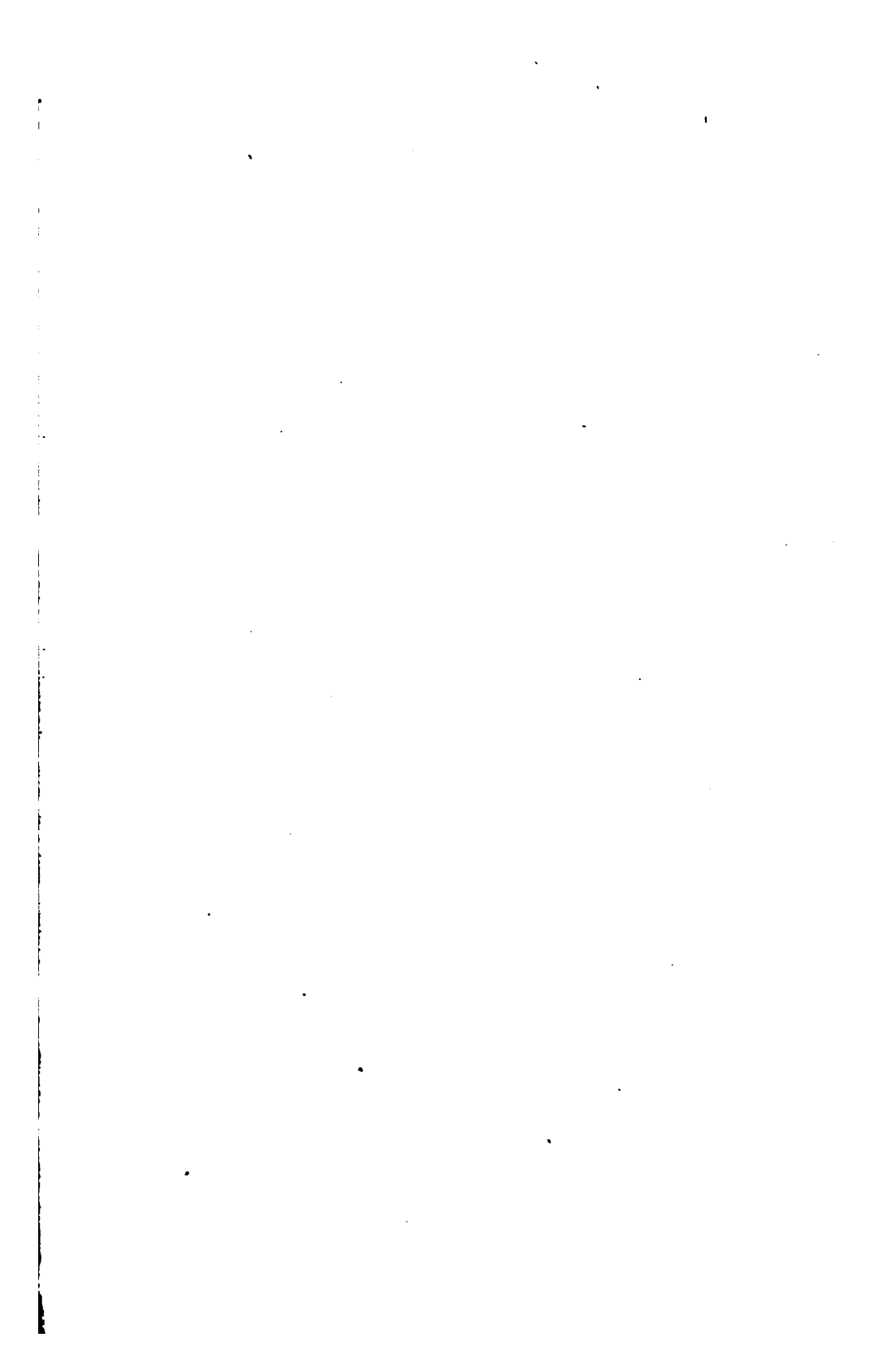


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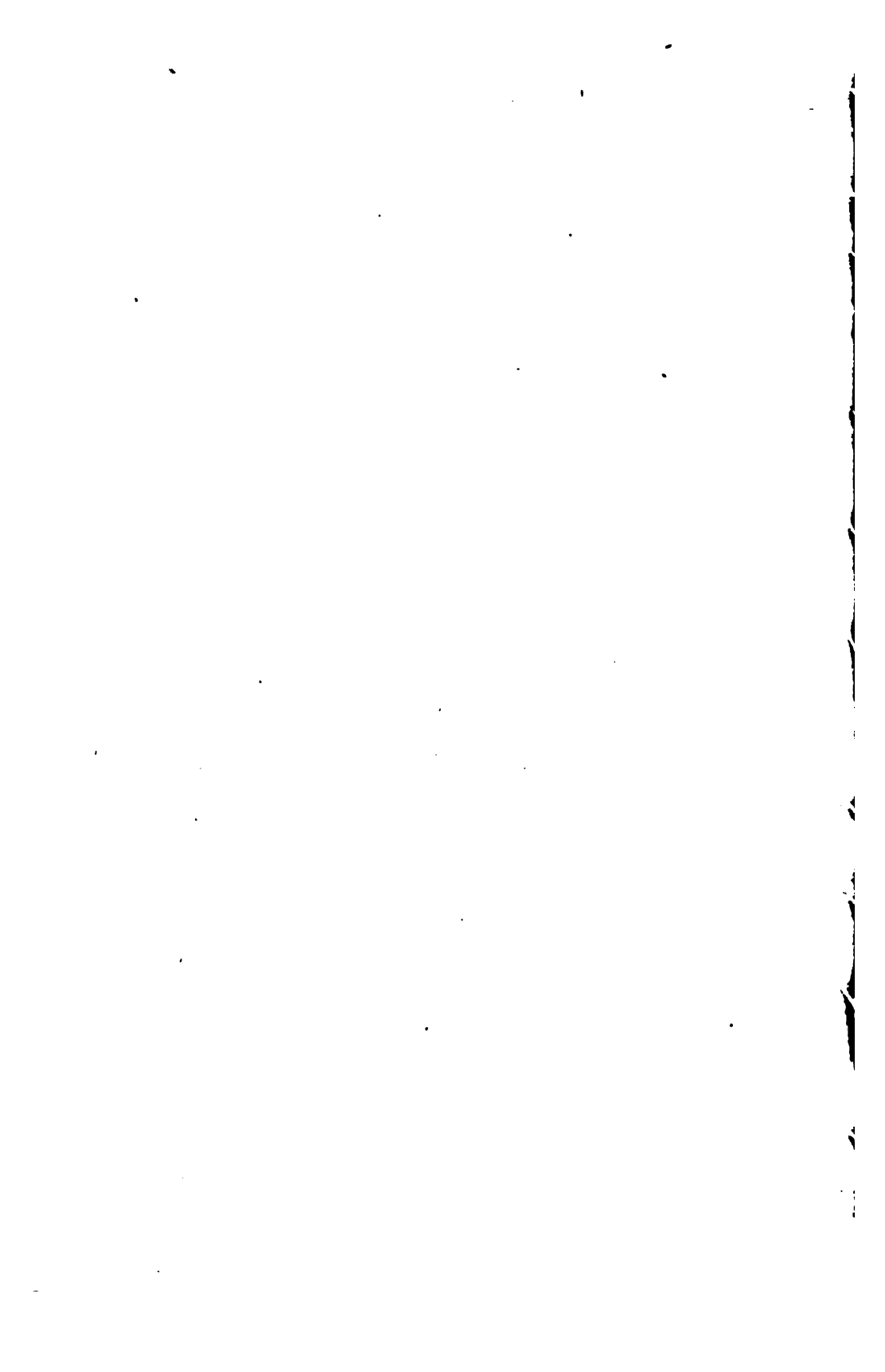
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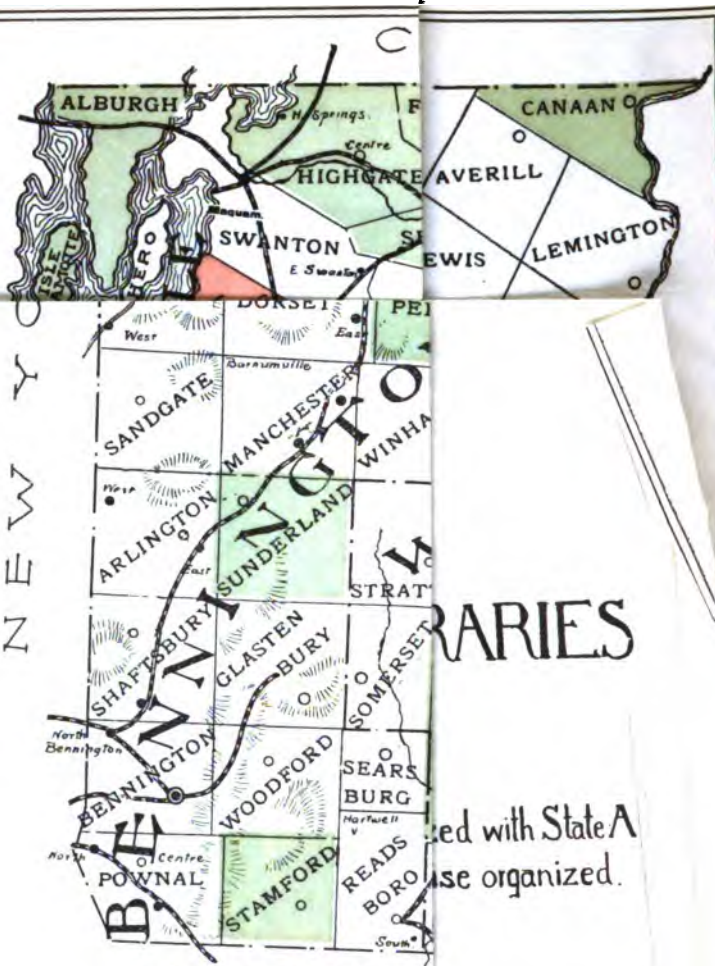
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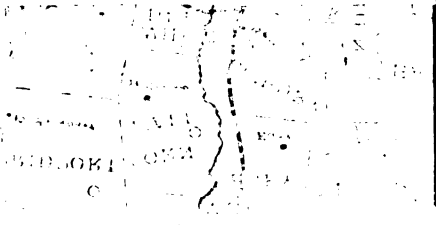


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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its second biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

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THE COMMISSION.

The original organization of the Commission remains unchanged. Miss Mary L. Titcomb, whose term expired November 30, 1896, and Mr. Fred A. Howland, whose term expired November 30, 1897, were reappointed by the Governor for the full term of five years. Meetings have been held during the two years at such times and places as the interests of the work demanded, and a great deal of official business has been transacted by correspondence.

LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED IN 1897-98.

The following towns have since the publication of the last report conformed to the requirements of the law, and have received the books from the State:

Benson, Castleton, Fairlee, Highgate, Milton, Reading, Shoreham, Victory, Washington, Weston, Wheelock.

Three other towns voted to accept the provisions of the law but through some error in the proceedings failed to fully meet the requirements, and are compelled to wait further action at the next town meeting.

GENERAL RESULTS.

A review of the work of the Commission during the four years it has been established, and a careful comparison of the condition of the library affairs in Vermont today with that in 1894, would seem to show that a considerable advance has been made in many important lines. Naturally the number of towns accepting the provisions of the law was larger during the first year after its passage than during any subsequent year, as all those in which the most favorable conditions existed promptly took action in the matter. There are still many towns in the State in which there is no public library, many if not all of which are able to sustain one. What is often lacking is a favorable public sentiment or in some cases a due appreciation of the value of a public library. It is here that the influence of the work already accomplished under the library law is strongly felt. The seventy free libraries established during the last four years are not only potent for good in the towns in which they are located but the knowledge of their benefits is creating in many of the towns without libraries an enthusiasm and interest which will soon bear good fruit.

While it is true that now and then one of the public libraries aided by the State has suffered from a lack of proper support, still the different towns have on the whole been as liberal perhaps as the circumstances would warrant. In some instances towns have raised by taxation more than the law requires. In many communities very liberal sums have been raised by entertainments and other means with which valuable additions have been made to the lists of books already in use. These additions, so far as can be learned, have been chosen with judicious care and a wise regard for the peculiar needs of the patrons of the library. Occasionally through the generosity of some public benefactor a suitable library building is erected, a blessing to the present and future generations, and a lasting monument to the giver. Some of the towns are just now enjoying in anticipation such a blessing. Meanwhile they are demonstrating that the benefits of a library can be administered successfully through the medium of the country store, the post office, the town hall, or some private house. Everywhere the public library has proved itself a powerful adjunct of the school.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

It has been difficult to obtain accurate information in regard to the libraries belonging to the schools of the State, but the most reliable returns available would seem to indicate that they contain about twenty thousand volumes. One endowed academy has about four thousand volumes and one public school, three thousand. There has been an increased interest in this phase of the subject during the last few years, and some generous gifts have been made to school libraries.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

The following documents have been issued:

In February, 1898, in place of the circular similar to No. 1, sent to towns in previous years near the time of their March meetings, copies of the Public Library number of the *Vermont* were circulated.

"Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library" is sent with the assignment of books to each town. In case this document fails to reach the librarian, or more copies are desired, they may be had by applying to Miss Mary L. Titcomb, Rutland.

Requests for copies of "Books Recommended to Vermont Libraries" will be gladly received by members of the Commission.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1897.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the commissioners the books provided by the State.

The lists of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its

existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive,

on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I, Town Clerk of , Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held
on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons
were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such
board to make application to the State Board of Library Commis-
sioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of....., Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to

promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,

....., 189

Rutland, Vt.

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library:

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all, the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the missionary spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

SUPPLIES.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. An accession-book and shelf-list will be furnished with the books sent by the State.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co. and Charles E. Lauriat Co., of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus:

Accession No.	Class.	Vol.	Author.	Title.	Place and Publisher.
21	F	1	Harrison, C. C.	A bachelor maid.	N. Y. Century.

Date.	Pages.	Size.	Binding.	Source.	Cost.	Remarks.
1894	225.	D	Cloth.	W. B. Clarke & Co.	.67	Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '95.

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a

complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Public Library Committee.

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | R. Reference. |
| B. Biography. | S. Science. |
| C. Children's Books. | T. Theology—Education and Sociology. |
| F. Fiction. | |
| H. History. | V. Voyages and Travels. |
| L. Literature—Essays, Poetry, Drama and Magazines. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book-plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement:

BARR.—Between two loves.

A border shepherdess.

Paul and Christina.

BARRIE.—The little minister.

A window in Thrums.

BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.

CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.

A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

REGISTERING NAMES.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the ——— library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for

your readers. After registering, provide each reader with a card similar to this:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.					
NAME			No		
LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.	LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.

On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

The Library is open.....from.....to.....

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and cost of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 165, Sec. 4216.*

CHARGING BOOKS.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manila paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the

reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip:

<i>RICE, WILLIAM A.</i>				<i>53.</i>			
J 4	506	J 18					
J 18	217	J 26					

The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name. Then from your slips remove the one with the corresponding name and stamp the date of return upon it and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purposes of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematic, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manila envelopes. The form of entry is like this:

Accession No.	Class F.	
50	Harrison, C. C.	The Anglomaniacs.
225		A bachelor maid.
65		Bar Harbor days.
82	Hawthorne, N.	The Blithedale romance.

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

SIMPLER METHODS FOR SMALLEST LIBRARIES.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned:

Date of Loaning.	Borrower's Name.	Name, or Accession Number of Book.	Date of Returning

If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances, the accession book besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession number should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking that children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the

other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. I. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., or the summer session of the Library School at Albany, N. Y., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any bookseller at a cost of twenty-five cents.

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you greatly. Do not, however, make the too common mistake of small libraries, and spend money that could be used to better advantage, on a printed catalogue. If your library grows, in a few years you will find this quite useless. Use the columns of the local paper, if there is one, if not, written lists, on various topics, posted in the library are a help. On the other hand, the card catalogue cannot be commenced too soon. Take and read diligently the Library Journal, and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience. The State Library Commission also hold themselves ready to answer any questions, or give any aid and instruction in their power.

You will also find it greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association. An explanation of the aim and scope of this organization may be had upon application to

MISS MARY L. TITCOMB,

Secretary Vermont Library Commission.
Rutland, Vt.

LIST OF AIDS FOR LIBRARY WORK.

	Price.
Library journal, (monthly) 59 Duane St., New York, -	\$5.00
Public libraries, (monthly) Library Bureau, 215 Madison St., Chicago, Ill., - - - -	1.00
Hints to small libraries. M. W. Plummer. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, - - - -	.25
Public library handbook. J. C. Dana. Carson Harper, Denver, - - - -	1.00
Public libraries in America. W. I. Fletcher. Roberts, Boston, - - - -	1.00
A. L. A. Subject headings for use in dictionary catalogues. Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, - - - -	2.00
Library Bureau, Catalog, Library Bureau, Boston, -	Free
American Library Association, Catalogue of A. L. A. Library; 5000 vols. for a popular library, shown at the World's Columbian Exposition. U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, - -	Free
List of books for girls and women and their clubs, (in six parts.) Library Bureau, Boston; pap. -	.50
Annual literary index, including American and English essays, book chapters, special bibliographies, and necrology of authors. Edited by W. I. Fletcher and R. R. Bowker, 59 Duane St., New York, -	3.50

No. 6.

LIST OF RECENT BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO VERMONT LIBRARIES BY THE VERMONT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

The prices given below are the publishers' list prices. A discount of one-third should be obtained by libraries.

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

- ADAMS, W. I. L. Sunlight and shadow, a book for photographers, professional and amateur. Baker, \$2.50.
- COCHRANE, C. H. Wonders of modern mechanism. Lippincott, \$2.
- HAMLIN, A. D. F. History of architecture. Longmans, \$2.

HOUSTON, E. J. and KENNELLY, A. E. Electric heating. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric incandescent lighting. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric motor. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric telegraphy. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric telephone. Johnston, \$1.

KREHBIEL, H. E. How to listen to music. Scribner, \$1.25.

MARQUAND, ALLAN. History of sculpture. Longmans, \$1.50.

RONALD, MARY. Century cook-book. Century, \$1.50.

SCRIBNER'S OUT-OF-DOOR LIBRARY:

Angling. Scribner, \$1.50.

Athletic sports. Scribner, \$1.50.

Hunting. Scribner, \$1.50.

Mountain climbing. Scribner, \$1.50.

THOMPSON, S. P. Elementary lessons in electricity and magnetism, 1896.
 Macmillan, \$1.50.

VAN DYKE, J. C. History of painting. Longmans, \$1.50.

BIOGRAPHY.

ADAMS, O. F. Dictionary of American authors. Houghton, \$3.

BICKNELL, A. L. Story of Marie Antoinette. Century, \$3.

BROWNING, MRS. E. B. Letters, edited by F. G. Kenyon. 2v. Macmillan,
 \$4.

DICKENS, M. A. My father as I recall him. Dutton, \$1.

FIELDS, MRS. ANNIE. Life and letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Hough-
 ton, \$2.

FORD, P. L. True George Washington. Lippincott, \$2.

MCCARTHY, JUSTIN. Story of Gladstone's life. Macmillan, \$6.

MARCHESI, MATHILDE. Marchesi and music. Harper, \$2.50.

PRIVATE life of the Queen, (Victoria,) by a member of the royal household.
 Appleton, \$1.50.

SHERWOOD, MRS. M. E. W. Epistle to posterity. Harper, \$2.50.

TENNYSON, HALLAM. Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 2v. Macmillan, \$10.

WHARTON, A. H. Martha Washington. (Women of Colonial and Revolu-
 tionary times.) Scribner, \$1.25.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

AUSTIN, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets. Appleton, 75c.

BECKWITH, M. H. In mythland. Ed. Pub. Co., 35c.

BENNETT, JOHN. Master Skylark; a story of Shakespeare's time. Century,
 \$1.50.

BLAISDELL, A. F. Short stories from English history. Ginn, 40c.

BROOKS, E. S. Century book of the American Revolution. Century, \$1.50.
 True story of U. S. Grant. Lothrop, \$1.50.

True story of Abraham Lincoln. Lothrop, \$1.50.

True story of George Washington. Lothrop, \$1.50.

CHAPIN, A. A. Story of the Rhinegold told for young people. Harper,
 \$1.25.

CLARK, IMOGEN. Will Shakespeare's little lad. Scribner, \$1.50.

- DAVIS, A. C. Nature stories for youngest readers. Ed. Pub. Co., 35c.
 Stories of the United States. Ed. Pub. Co., 40c.
- DELAND, E. D. Alan Ransford. Harper, \$1.50.
- DOUGLAS, A. M. Little girl of old New York. Dodd, \$1.50.
 Hannah Ann. Dodd, \$1.50.
- DRYSDALE, WILLIAM. Beach patrol; a story of the life-saving service.
 Wilde, \$1.50.
- DYSON, MRS. Stories of the trees. Nelson, \$1.25.
- EGGLESTON, EDWARD. First book in American history. Amer. Bk. Co., 60c.
 Stories of American life and adventure. Amer. Bk. Co., 50c.
 Stories of great Americans for little Americans. Amer. Bk. Co.,
 40c.
- FROST, W. H. Knights of the Round Table. Scribner, \$1.50.
- HARRIS, J. C. Aaron in the wild-woods. Houghton, \$2.
- HENDERSON, W. J. Last cruise of the Mohawk. Scribner, \$1.25.
- HENTY, G. A. March on London. Scribner, \$1.50.
 With Frederick the Great. Scribner, \$1.50.
 With Moore at Corunna. Scribner, \$1.50.
- LANG, ANDREW. Pink fairy-book. Longmans, \$2.
- LILLIE, L. C. A girl's ordeal. Coates, \$1.25.
- LINCOLN, J. G. An unwilling maid. Houghton, \$1.50.
- MOTHER Goose rhymes, jingles and fairy tales. Altamus, 25c.
- MUNROE, KIRK. With Crockett and Bowie. Scribner, \$1.25.
- NORTON, C. L. (Fighting for the flag series.)
 Jack Benson's log. Wilde, \$1.25.
 Medal of honor man. Wilde, \$1.25.
 Midshipman Jack. Wilde, \$1.25.
- POULSSON, EMILIE. In the child's world. Milton Bradley Co., \$1.80 net.
- PRATT, M. L. American history stories. 4v. Ed. Pub. Co., 50c. each.
 Little flower folks. 2v. Ed. Pub. Co., 40c. each.
 Stories of colonial children. Ed. Pub. Co., 60c.
 Story of Columbus. Ed. Pub. Co., 60c.
- PIKE, RAFFORD, *pseud.* Adventures of Mabel. Dodd, \$1.75.
- RICHARDS, L. E. Five minute stories. Estes, \$1.25.
 Three Margarets. Estes, \$1.25.
- SEAWELL, M. E. Rock of the Lion. (A tale of the siege of Gibraltar
 1779-83.) Harper, \$1.50.
- STODDARD, W. O. Lost gold of the Montezumas. Lippincott, \$1.50.
 Red patriot. Appleton, \$1.50.
- TOMLINSON, E. T. (War of the Revolution series.)
 Three colonial boys. Wilde, \$1.50.
 Three young continentals. Wilde, \$1.50.
 Washington's young aids. Wilde, \$1.50.
- WARNER, C. D. Being a boy, illus. by Clifton Johnson. Houghton, \$2.
- WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 Tommy-Anne and the three hearts. Macmillan \$1.50.

FICTION.

- BARNES, JAMES. A loyal traitor; a story of the war of 1812. Harper, \$1.50.
- BESANT, SIR WALTER. A fountain sealed. Stokes, \$1.50.
- BLACKMORE, R. D. Dariel. Harper, \$1.75.
- BURNEAM, C. L. Miss Archer Archer. Houghton, \$1.25.
- CATHERWOOD, M. H. Days of Jeanne d'Arc. Scribner, \$1.25.
- CRAWFORD, F. M. Corleone. 2v. (Sequel to Don Orsino.) Macmillan, \$2.
- CROCKETT, S. R. Lochinvar. Harper, \$1.50.
- DAVIS, R. H. Soldiers of fortune. Scribner, \$1.50.
- DORR, MRS. J. C. R. In kings' houses. Page, \$1.50.
- FORD, P. L. Hon. Peter Sterling. Holt, \$1.50.
- Story of an untold love. Houghton, \$1.25.
- FOX, JOHN, jr. The Kentuckians. Harper, \$1.25.
- GOODWIN, M. W. Flint, his faults, his failures and his fortunes. Little, \$1.25.
- HOPE, ANTHONY, *pseud.* Simon Dale. Stokes, \$1.50.
- HOWELLS, W. D. Landlord of Lion's Head. Harper, \$1.75.
- KIPLING, RUDYARD. Captains courageous. Century, \$1.50.
- KIRK, E. O. Revolt of a daughter. Houghton, \$1.25.
- LUSH, C. K. The federal judge. Houghton, \$1.25.
- MERRIMAN, H. S., *pseud.* In Kellar's tents. Dodd, \$1.25.
- The sowers. Harper, \$1.25.
- With edged tools. Harper, \$1.25.
- MITCHELL, S. W. Hugh Wynne. 2v. Century, \$2.
- MOORE, F. F. The Jessamy bride. Stone, \$1.50.
- POOL, M. L. Red Bridge neighborhood. Harper, \$1.50.
- PRINCE, H. C. At the sign of the silver crescent. Houghton, \$1.25.
- RAYNER, E. Free to serve; a tale of colonial New York. Copeland, \$1.50.
- ROBERTS, C. G. D. Forge in the forest. Lamson, \$1.50.
- ROBINSON, R. E. Uncle Lisha's outing. Houghton, \$1.25.
- SEAWELL, M. E. History of the Lady Betty Stair. Scribner, \$1.25.
- SMITH, F. H. Caleb West, master diver. Houghton, \$1.50.
- STEEL, MRS. F. A. On the face of the waters. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- STEVENSON, R. L. St. Ives. Scribner, \$1.50.
- STOCKTON, F. R. Great stone of Sardis. Harper, \$1.50.
- STUART, R. M. In Simpkinsville. Harper, \$1.25.
- Sonny. Harper, \$1.25.
- THANET, OCTAVE, *pseud.* Missionary sheriff. Harper, \$1.25.
- WEYMAN, S. J. Shrewsbury. Harper, \$1.50.
- WIGGIN, K. D. Penelope's progress. Houghton, \$1.25.
- WILKINS, M. E. Jerome. Harper, \$1.50.

HISTORY.

- ABBOTT, W. J. Naval history of the United States. Dodd, \$3.75.
- ANDREWS, E. B. Last quarter century of American history. 2v. Scribner, \$6.

- BOURINOT, J. G. Story of Canada. (Story of the nations.) Putnam, \$1.50.
 EGGLESTON, EDWARD. Beginners of a nation. Appleton, \$1.50.
 FISKE, JOHN. Old Virginia and her neighbors. 2v. Houghton, \$3.50.
 FISHER, G. P. Brief history of the nations. Amer. Bk. Co., \$1.50.
 LANDON, S. W. Brief outline of the history and civil government of Vermont. Silver, 42c.
 LATIMER, MRS. E. W. England in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Europe in Africa in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 France in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Italy in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Russia and Turkey in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Spain in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 LE BON, ANDRÉ. Modern France. (Story of the nations.) Putnam, \$1.50.

LITERATURE.

- CLEMENS, S. L. (Mark Twain, *pseud.*) How to tell a story and other essays. Harper, \$1.50.
 DRUMMOND, W. H. The habitant and other French Canadian poems. Putnam, \$1.25.
 FIELD, EUGENE. Lullaby land. Scribner, \$1.50.
 Songs and other verse. Scribner, \$1.25.
 HIGGINSON, T. W. Cheerful yesterdays. Houghton, \$2.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. Seven seas. Appleton, \$1.50.
 LANG, ANDREW. Blue poetry book. Longmans, \$2.
 MITCHELL, D. C. American lands and letters. Scribner, \$2.50.
 English lands, letters and kings. 4v. Scribner, \$1.50 each.
 PALGRAVE, F. T., *comp.* Golden treasury. 2nd ser. Modern poetry. Macmillan, \$1.
 THOMPSON, SLASON, *comp.* The humbler poets. A collection of newspaper and periodical verse. McClurg, \$2.
 WOOD, K. B. Quotations for occasions. Century, \$1.50.

SCIENCE.

- ALLEN, C. L. Bulbs and bulbous plants. Judd, \$2.
 BLANCHAN, NELTJE, *pseud.* Bird neighbors; introduction by John Burroughs. Doubleday, \$2.
 CHAPMAN, F. M. Bird life. Appleton, \$1.75.
 GIBSON, W. H. Eye spy. Harper, \$2.50.
 HIGGINSON, T. W. Procession of the flowers. Longmans, \$1.25.
 McDONALD, DONALD. Sweet-scented flowers and fragrant leaves. Scribner, \$1.50.
 MATHEWS, F. S. Familiar trees and their leaves. Appleton, \$1.75.
 Familiar features of the roadside. Appleton, \$1.75.
 ROBINSON, R. E. In New England fields and woods. Houghton, \$1.25.
 SHALER, N. S. American highways. Century, \$1.50.
 STONE, ROY. New roads and road laws in the United States. Van Nostrand, \$1.50.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- ABBOTT, LYMAN. Theology of an evolutionist. Houghton, \$1.25.
 BALDWIN, JOSEPH. School management and school methods. Appleton, \$1.50.
 BROOKINGS, W. D. and RINGWALT, R. C. Briefs for debate. Longmans, \$1.25.
 DRUMMOND, HENRY. The ideal life. Dodd, \$1.50.
 GLADDEN, WASHINGTON. Seven puzzling Bible books. Houghton, \$1.25.
 GOODNOW, F. J. Municipal problems. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 HARRISON, BENJAMIN. This country of ours. Scribner, \$1.50.
 MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* The potter's wheel. Dodd, \$1.25.
 MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea-power, present and future. Little, \$2.
 PHELPS, E. S. Story of Jesus Christ. Houghton, \$2.
 SCHOULER, JAMES. Constitutional studies. Dodd, \$1.50.
 SMITH, N. A. Children of the future. Houghton, \$1.00.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. Sermons to young men. Scribner, \$1.25.
 WHITING, LILLIAN. The world beautiful. 3v. Roberts, \$1 each.
 WINES, F. H. and KOREN, J. The liquor problem in its legislative aspects. Houghton, \$1.25.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers. Scribner, \$1.25.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- BIGELOW, POULTNEY. White man's Africa. Harper, \$2.50.
 BISHOP, MRS. I. B. Korea and her neighbors. Revell, \$2.
 CLEMENS, S. L. (Mark Twain, *pseud.*) Following the equator. Amer. Pub. Co., \$3.50.
 DAVIS, R. H. A year from a reporter's note-book. Harper, \$1.50.
 DORR, MRS. J. C. R. A cathedral pilgrimage. Page, \$1.25.
 FLINT, GROVER. Marching with Gomez; a war correspondent's note-book during four months in the Cuban army, with an historical introduction by John Fiske. Lamson, \$1.50.
 HOUGH, E. Story of the cow-boy. (Story of the West ser.) Appleton, \$1.50.
 LOGAN, J. A. In joyful Russia. Appleton, \$3.50.
 LUMMIS, C. K. Awakening of a nation. (Mexico.) Harper, \$2.50.
 MÜLLER, MRS. F. M. Letters from Constantinople. Longmans, \$1.75.
 NANSEN, FRIDTJOF. Farthest north. Harper, \$3.
 PALMER, FREDERICK. Going to war in Greece. Russell, \$1.25.
 PATON, W. A. Picturesque Sicily. Harper, \$2.50.
 ROWAN, A. S. and RAMSEY, M. M. The island of Cuba. Holt, \$1.25.
 SHINN, C. H. Story of the mine. (Story of the West series.) Appleton, \$1.50.
 SMITH, F. H. Gondola days. Houghton, \$1.50.
 STEELE, T. S. Voyage to Viking-land. Estes, \$2.
 WORKMAN, F. B. and W. H. Sketches awheel in modern Iberia. Putnam, \$2.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

In selecting books the Commission has continued to procure lists of books already available in the towns, from their library trustees thus avoiding the purchase of duplicates. Good suggestions have also been received as to special books or the character of books desired.

Many towns have asked help from the Commission in the selection of books to be purchased with their annual appropriation. Books for little children, small sized histories and stories of celebrated men and women have been asked for in many instances, and care has been taken to find those best suited to the demand.

The following is a \$100 list purchased for one of the towns:

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

ATKINSON, PHILIP. Electricity for everybody.
 BEARD, D. C. American boys' handy book.
 BEARD, LINA and A. B. American girls' handy book.
 COCHRANE, C. H. Wonders of modern mechanism.
 RONALD, MARY. Century cook-book.
 VAN DYKE, J. C. History of painting.

BIOGRAPHY.

BOLTON, MRS. S. K. Girls who became famous.
 DICKENS, M. A. My father as I recall him.
 FIELDS, MRS. ANNIE. Life and letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe.
 FORD, P. L. True George Washington.
 GOODWIN, MRS. M. W. Dolly Madison. (Women of Colonial and Revolutionary times.)
 HUBERT, P. G., jr. Inventors. (Men of achievement.)
 SHERWOOD, MRS. M. E. W. Epistle to posterity.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

ALCOTT, L. M. Old-fashioned girl.
 ANDREWS, JANE. Seven little sisters who live on the round ball that floats in the air.
 AUSTIN, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets.
 BECKWITH, M. H. In mythland.
 BROOKS, E. S. Century book for young Americans.
 True story of Abraham Lincoln.
 CARROLL, LEWIS, *pseud.* Through the looking glass.
 CLARK, IMOGEN. Will Shakespeare's little lad.
 COOPER, J. F. Last of the Mohicans.
 CREIGHTON, LOUISE. Stories from English history.
 DELAND, E. D. Alan Ransford.

DODGE, MRS. M. M. Donald and Dorothy.
 EGGLESTON, EDWARD. Stories of American life and adventure.
 HARRIS, J. C. Little Mr. Thimblefinger and his queer country.
 HENTY, G. A. With Moore at Corunna.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. The jungle book.
 LANG, ANDREW. Blue fairy-book.
 MUNROE, KIRK. The painted desert.
 POULSSON, EMILIE. In the child's world.
 PYKE, RAFFORD, *pseud.* Adventures of Mabel.
 SCHWATKA, FREDERICK. Children of the cold.
 SEAWELL, M. E. Rock of the Lion. (Siege of Gibraltar, 1779-83.)
 THOMPSON, D. P. Green Mountain boys.
 WIGGIN, MRS. K. D. Polly Oliver's problem.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird.

FICTION.

BARLOW, JANE. Irish idylls.
 BARNES, JAMES. A loyal traitor; a story of the War of 1812.
 BARR, MRS. A. E. The king's highway.
 BARRIE, J. M. Sentimental Tommy.
 BLACK, WILLIAM. Briseis.
 CABLE, G. W. Dr. Sevier.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. Paul Patoff.
 CROCKETT, S. R. The raiders.
 DAVIS, R. H. Soldiers of fortune.
 DICKENS, CHARLES. David Copperfield.
 Our mutual friend.
 DORR, MRS. J. C. R. In king's houses.
 DOYLE, A. C. Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
 ELIOT, GEORGE, *pseud.* Romola.
 FORD, P. L. Hon. Peter Sterling.
 GOODWIN, MRS. M. W. Flint, his faults, his failures and his fortunes.
 HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL. Marble faun.
 HOPE, ANTHONY, *pseud.* Prisoner of Zenda.
 Rupert of Hentzau.
 HOWELLS, W. D. The day of their wedding.
 JACKSON, MRS. H. H. Ramona.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. Captains courageous.
 MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* Kate Carnegie.
 MERRIMAN, H. S, *pseud.* In Kedar's tents.
 MITCHELL, S. W. Hugh Wynne. 2v.
 PARKER, GILBERT. Seats of the mighty.
 PRINCE, H. C. Christine Rochfort.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Sam Lovell's camp.
 SCOTT, SIR WALTER. Ivanhoe.
 The talisman.
 SEAWELL, M. E. History of the Lady Betty Stair.

SMITH, F. H. Caleb West.

Tom Grogan.

STOCKTON, F. R. Adventures of Captain Horn.

THACKERAY, W. M. The Newcomes.

WALLACE, LEW. Ben Hur.

WEYMAN, S. J. Shrewsbury.

WILKINS, M. E. Jerome.

HISTORY.

ABBOTT, W. J. Naval history of the United States.

BOURINOT, J. G. Story of Canada. (Story of the nations.)

FISKE, JOHN. Beginnings of New England.

HIGGINSON, T. W. and CHANNING, EDWARD. English history for American readers.

LATIMER, MRS. E. W. Spain in the nineteenth century.

LODGE, H. C. and ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Hero tales from American history.

ROBINSON, R. E. Vermont. (American commonwealths.)

LITERATURE.

AMERICAN poems, edited by H. E. Scudder.

LAMB, CHARLES and MARY. Tales from Shakespeare.

LANG, ANDREW. Blue poetry book.

MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters.

VICTORIAN anthology, 1837-1895, edited by E. C. Stedman.

SCIENCE.

BLANCHAN, NELTJE, *pseud.* Bird neighbors; introduction by John Burroughs.

BURROUGHS, JOHN. Riverby.

DANA, MRS. F. T. How to know the wild flowers.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

BALDWIN, JOSEPH. School management and school methods.

MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* The potter's wheel.

MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea power, present and future.

WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVEL.

BRASSEY, LADY ANNE. Around the world in the yacht, "Sunbeam."

CUSTER, MRS. E. B. Following the guidon.

FLINT, GROVER. Marching with Gomez.

HOUGH, E. Story of the cowboy.

KNOX, T. W. Boy travellers in South America.

NANSEN, FRIDTJOF. Farthest north.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

Alburg,	Highgate,	† †St. Albans,
Andover,	Hyde Park,	Sharon,
Athens,	Isle La Motte,	Shelburne,
Barton,	Johnson,	Sheldon,
Benson,	Kirby,	Shoreham.
†Brattleboro,	Landgrove,	South Hero,
Brighton,	Lunenburg,	Stamford,
Cabot,	Lyndon,	Stockbridge,
Canaan,	Marshfield,	†Stowe,
Castleton,	Milton,	†Strafford,
†Cavendish,	Montgomery,	Sunderland,
†Chelsea,	Newport,	Sutton,
†Chester,	Northfield,	Vershire,
Chittenden,	Orange,	Victory,
Concord,	Orwell,	Walden,
Enosburg,	Peru,	Washington,
†Fair Haven,	Pomfret,	Waterford,
Fairlee,	Poultney,	Waterville,
Fletcher,	Putney,	Westfield,
Franklin,	Randolph,	Westford,
Georgia,	Reading,	Westmore,
Grafton,	†Richford,	Weston,
Granby,	†Richmond,	West Windsor,
Granville,	Ripton,	Wheelock,
Groton,	Rochester,	Wilmington,
†Guilford,	†Rockingham,	Windham,
Hardwick,	Royalton,	Woodbury, — 83.
Hartland,	Ryegate,	

†Owned by the city.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Burlington,

Springfield, — 2.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Morristown,	Pittsford,	West Rutland,
Newbury,	Rutland,	Windsor, — 7.
	Wallingford,	

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Derby,	Montpelier,	Woodstock,
Hartford,	St. Johnsbury,	Thetford, — 7.
	Ludlow,	

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

Addison,	Charleston,	Guildhall,
Albany,	Charlotte,	Halifax,
Arlington,	Clarendon,	Hancock,
Bakersfield,	Colchester,	Hinesburgh,
Baltimore,	*Corinth,	Holland,
Barnard,	*Cornwall,	Hubbardton,
Barnet,	*Coventry,	Huntington,
*Barre,	*Craftsbury,	Ira,
Belvidere,	Danby,	Irasburgh,
*Bennington,	*Danville,	Jamaica,
Berkshire,	*Dorset,	Jay,
Berlin,	Dover,	*Jericho,
Bethel,	*Dummerston,	Leicester,
Bloomfield,	Duxbury,	Lemington,
Bolton,	East Haven,	Lincoln,
*Bradford,	East Montpelier,	*Londonderry,
Braintree,	Eden,	Lowell,
*Brandon,	Elmore,	Maidstone,
Bridgewater,	Essex,	*Manchester,
Bridport,	Fairfax,	Marlboro,
Bristol,	*Fairfield,	Mendon,
*Brookfield,	Fayston,	*Middlebury,
Brookline,	Ferrisburg,	Middlesex,
Brownington,	Glastenbury,	Middletown,
Brunswick,	Glover,	Monkton,
*Burke,	Goshen,	Moretown,
*Calais,	*Grand Isle,	Morgan,
Cambridge,	*Greensboro,	Mt. Holly,

Mt. Tabor,	Sandgate,	Vernon,
*Newark,	Searsburg,	Waitsfield,
Newfane,	*Shaftsbury,	Waltham,
New Haven,	Sheffield,	Wardsboro,
North Hero,	Sherburne,	Warren,
Norton,	Shrewsbury,	*Waterbury,
*Norwich,	Somerset,	Weathersfield,
Panton,	South Burlington,	Wells,
Pawlet,	Stannard,	West Fairlee,
*Peacham,	Starksboro,	West Haven,
Pittsfield,	Stratton,	Westminster,
Plainfield,	Sudbury,	Weybridge,
Plymouth,	Swanton,	Whiting,
Pownal,	Tinmouth,	Whitingham,
*Proctor,	Topsham,	*Williamstown,
Readsboro,	Townshend,	Williston,
Roxbury,	Troy,	Winhall,
Rupert,	Tunbridge,	Wolcott,
St. George,	Underhill,	Woodford,
Salisbury,	*Vergennes,	Worcester, — 144.

The above classification shows that of the 243 towns in the State—245 counting Barre and Rutland both as a city and a town—83 towns contain free public libraries wholly owned and controlled by the town; two contain free libraries of which the support and control is shared between private individuals and the town. Seven towns contain free libraries to which the town appropriates money without being represented in the management and in seven towns there are free libraries entirely supported by private benefactions.

This leaves 144 towns with no free public library. Twenty-nine of these towns have libraries charging an annual fee or used by stockholders only; a few are free for reference. In many of the 142 towns there appear to be obstacles to the formation of a free public library arising from the claims of different villages in the same town, scattered population and the difficulty of finding an accessible location. From the histories of the libraries already formed it may be seen that many such questions have been solved in a practical and satisfactory manner.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*.

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*.

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TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Addison.....	No library.....									
Bridport.....	No library.....									
Bristol.....	Bristol Library Assoc'n.....		No	Mrs. John R. Kilborn	1,000	No				
Cornwall.....	Lane Library.....	1859	No	Mrs. E. O. Porter.....	1,026	No				
Ferriaburg.....	No library.....									
Goshen.....	No library.....									
Granville.....	Granville Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Bessie Hubbard.....	208	Yes	\$15.00			
Hancock.....	No library.....									
Leicester.....	No library.....									
Lincoln.....	No library.....									
Middlebury.....	Ladies' Library.....	1866	No	Emma L. Higley.....	4,000	No				
	College Library.....	1800	Yes	C. B. Wright.....	22,762	No		\$175.00	\$5,000.00	Miss Starr.....
Monkton.....	No library.....									
New Haven.....	No library.....									
Orwell.....	Orwell Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. R. D. Hall.....	376	Yes	50.00			
Panton.....	No library.....									
Ripton.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes			Yes				
Salisbury.....	No library.....									
Shoreham.....	Shoreham Public Library ..	1898	Yes	Marcia A. Douglas..		Yes	25.00			
Starksboro.....	No library.....									
Vergennes.....	Vergennes Library.....	1876	No	Mary P. Tucker.....	3,000	No				
Waltham.....	No library.....									
Weybridge.....	No library.....									
Whiting.....	No library.....									

Library free, 4 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 15 "
 28 "

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY HERE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Arlington.....	No library.....									
Bennington ...	Bennington Free Library...	1865	No	Mary B. Merrill.....	6,054	No	\$500.00			
Dorset.....	Dorset Book Club	1870	No	H. D. Baldwin.....	467	No		\$47.60		
Glastenbury.....	No library									
Landgrove.....	Landgrove Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. R. R. Wiley.....	181	Yes	15.00			
Manchester.....	Mark Skinner Library	1897	No	Clara F. Hemenway.....	9,423	No				{ Mrs. Frances Skinner Willing.
Peru.....	Peru Free Library	1894	Yes	M. M. Whitney.....	200	Yes	15.00			
Pownal.....	No library									
Readsboro.....	No library									
Rupert.....	No library									
Sandgate.....	No library									
Searsburg.....	No library									
Shafsbury.....	South Shafsbury Lib. Ass'n	1875	No	Mrs. Fred Eddy.....	600	No		15.00		
Stamford.....	Stamford Public Library	1894	Yes	Iva D. Sanford.....	242	Yes	15.00			
Sunderland.....	Sunderland Town Library	1896	Yes	J. M. Gregory.....	130	Yes	15.00			
Winhall.....	No library			H. S. Burt.....						
Woodford.....	No library									

Library free, 4 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 9 "
 17 "

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barnet.....	No library.....									
Burke, { East.....	Ladies' Library Assoc'n.....	1872	No	Mrs. Susan Streeter.....	400		No			
{ West.....	Ladies' Library Assoc'n.....	1873	No	Mrs. Sarah A. Bucl.....	946		No			
Danville.....	Pope Memorial Library.....	1879	No	Nellie A. Colby.....	1,078		No	\$10.00		{ Building given by { Mrs. C. B. Pope.
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes	George N. Clark.....	425	\$25.00	Yes			
Hardwick.....	{ Hathaway Free Public Lib.....	1895	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	884	\$200.00	Yes			
{ Jeudevine Memorial Lib.....	1898	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	252			No			
Kirby.....	Kirby Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. B. Bartlett.....	182	15.00	Yes			{ Given by Mrs. M. { M. Jeudevine.
Lyndon.....	Lyndon Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. Duston.....	1,078	323.22	Yes			
Newark.....	Ladies' Library.....		No							
Peacham.....	Juvenile Library Society.....	1810	No	Anna E. Renfrew.....	1,749		No	\$7.00	\$1,585.00	{ Thaddeus Stevens { and others.
Ryegate.....	Kyegate Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mary S. Beattie.....		100.00	Yes			
St. Johnsbury..	St. Johnsbury Athenæum.....	1871	Yes	Louise L. Bartlett.....	15,073		No		52,000.00	Horace Fairbanks..
Sheffield.....	No library.....									
Stannard.....	No library.....									
Sutton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. L. B. Wilson.....	449		Yes			
Walden.....	Walden Free Public Lib.....	1895	Yes	George T. Eastman.....	281	25.00	Yes			
Waterford.....	Waterford Free Library.....	1896	Yes	E. W. Brown.....	176	25.00	Yes			
Wheelock.....	Wheelock Public Library.....	1897	Yes	Rev. E. J. Hatch.....	112	15.00	Yes			

* For running expenses of both libraries in town.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 8 "
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CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DURS.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bolton.....	No library.....									
Burlington.....	Billings Library.....	1836	Yes	Edith B. Clark.....	52,750		No		\$50,000.00	Frederick Billings
Burlington.....	Fletcher Free Library.....	1878	Yes	Sarah C. Hagar.....	53,391	\$2,200.00	No		10,000.00	Maria Loomis..
Charlotte.....	Hosford Lib. of Bap. church	1875	§	Roderic Eno.....	800		No		1,200.00	Wheeler Fund...
Colchester.....	No library.....								500.00	Strong Fund.....
Buxton.....	No library.....									
Hinesburgh.....	No library.....									
Huntington.....	No library.....									
Jericho.....	(Two small sube. libraries)		No							
Milton.....	Milton Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. C. L. Wolcott..	106	40.00	Yes			
Richmond.....	Richmond Free Library.....	1888	Yes	Anna Norton.....	881	†	No		1,387.36	Jonas F. Barber...
St. George.....	No library.....									
Shelburne.....	Shelburne Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. A. Hurley..	542	25.00	Yes			
So. Burlington.....	No library.....									
Underhill.....	No library.....									
Westford.....	Westford Free Library.....	1896	Yes	J. S. Allen and L. C. Nichols.	409	25.00	Yes			
Williston.....	No library.....									

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 8 "
 16 "

§ Free for parish.
 † Appropriated by the city.
 ‡ Yearly.
 † Town pays salary of librarian.

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ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bloomfield	No library									
Brighton	Island Pond Public Library	1895	Yes	Leta J. Eaton	330	\$75.00	Yes			
Brunswick	No library									
Canaan	Canaan Library	1895	Yes	Mrs. Chas. H. Weeks	348	50.00	Yes			
Concord	Concord Library	1896	Yes	W. J. Bingham	576	25.00	Yes			
East Haven	No library									
Granby	Town Library	1896	Yes	Lella Matthews	120		Yes			
Guildhall	No library									
Lemington	No library									
Lancaster	Lancaster Public Library	1896	Yes	Julia R. White	696	50.00	Yes			
Maidstone	No library									
Norton	No library									
Victory	Victory Public Library	1897	Yes	Mrs. Herman Boyce	108	15.00	Yes			

Library free, 6 towns.
 No library, 7 " "
 13 "

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Alburg.....	Alburg Town Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. F. H. Brayton.	400	\$25.00	Yes			
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1868	No	Cordelia Ufford.....	250		No	\$5.00		
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library	1896	Yes	Mary Montgomery..	151		Yes			
North Hero.....	No library.....									
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Julia Hall.....	288	15.00	Yes			

Library free, 8 towns.
 Library not free, 1 "
 No library, 1 "
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LAMOILLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Belvidere.....	No library.....									
Cambridge.....	No library.....									
Eden.....	No library.....									
Elmore.....	No library.....									
Hyde Park.....	Hyde Park Public Library.....	1896	Yes	L. H. Noyes.....	500	\$50.00	Yes			
Johnson.....	Johnson Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. D. G. Holmes.....	415	50.00	Yes			
Morristown.....	Morristown Centennial Lib.....	1891	Yes	F. G. Ficketwood.....	1,800	125.00	No			Mrs. E. O. Cushman
Stowe.....	Stowe Free Library.....	1866	Yes	Mrs. M. A. Jenney.....	1,700	50.00	No			(George W. Clark
Waterville.....	Free Library.....	1896	Yes				Yes			
Wolcott.....	No library.....									

Library free, 5 towns.
 No library, 5 "
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ORANGE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bradford.....	Bradford Public Library...	1874	No	Annie C. Spalding...	2,750	No	.....	\$90.00	\$5000.00	J. L. Woods.....
Brantree.....	No library.....									
Brookfield.....	Brookfield Library Assoc'n	1793	No	W. J. Blodgett.....		No				
Chelsea.....	Alden Speare Memorial Lib	1894	Yes	Nellie Corwin.....	1,100	No	\$45.00			Building given by
Corinth.....	East Corinth Public Lib	1894	No	W. R. Rowland.....	450	No		100.00		{ Alden Speare.
Fairlee.....	Fairlee Public Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. B. W. Abbott.....	104	Yes	15.00			
Newbury.....	Tenney Memorial Library...	1897	Yes	Frances M. Atkinson...	2,387	No	150.00			Building given by
Orange.....	Orange Library.....	1879	Yes	Mrs. Myra F. Davis...	600	Yes	15.00			{ Martha J. Tenney.
Randolph.....	Randolph Public Library...	1896	Yes	Maud E. Blanchard...	840	Yes	200.00			
Straford.....	Harris Library.....	1856	Yes	Marian C. Hatch.....	4,400	No			1,050.00	Building given by
	Latham Memorial Library	1877	Yes	Jane S. Worcester...	1,800	No			1,500.00	{ Hon. J. S. Morrill.
Thetford.....	{ Peabody Library.....	1868	Yes	Harvey Dodge.....	5,000	No			2,500.00	Mrs. A. L. Barney...
Topsham.....	No library.....									
Tunbridge.....	No library.....									
Vershire.....	Colton Library.....	1895	Yes	F. D. Richardson...	150	Yes	15.00			
Washington.....	Washington Town Library	1896	Yes	C. H. Johannessen...	103	Yes				
West Fairlee.....	No library.....									
Williamstown.....	Williamstown Social Lib...	1801	No	George E. Wilber....	2,500	No				

Library free, 9 towns.
 Library not free, 3 "
 No library, 6 "
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ORLEANS COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Albany.....	No library.....									
Barton.....	Barton Town Library.....	1896	Yes	L. M. Hubbard.....	729	\$200.00	Yes			
Brownington.....	No library.....									
Charleston.....	No library.....									
Coventry.....	(Small subscription library)		No							
Craftsbury.....	Craftsbury Academy Lib.....		No	Ida G. Dastan.....	1,200		No			
Derby.....	Derby Public Library.....	184-	Yes	G. A. Andrews.....			No			
Glover.....	No library.....									
Greensboro.....	Greensboro Library.....	1873	No	Mrs. F. C. Kinney.....	400		No	\$6.00		
Holland.....	No library.....									
Iraaburg.....	No library.....									
Jay.....	No library.....									
Lowell.....	No library.....									
Morgan.....	No library.....									
Newport.....	Newport Town Library..	1896	Yes	C. F. Ranney.....	1,253	\$276.00	Yes			
Troy.....	No library.....									
Westfield.....	Westfield Public Library.	1896	Yes	Mrs. E. M. Brown.....	159	15.00	Yes			
Westmore.....	Westmore Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Mary E. Lyon	171	16.00	Yes			

* \$76 of this from Village corporation.

Library free, 5 towns.
 Library not free, 3 "
 No library, 10 "
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RUTLAND COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Benson.....	Benson Free Library.....	1898	Yes	.....	.....	\$25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brandon.....	Ladies' Book Club.....	.....	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Castleton.....	Castleton Free Library.....	1897	Yes	C. H. Rice.....	800	125.00	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Chittenden.....	Chittenden Free Public Lib.	1895	Yes	E. J. Perry.....	278	25.00	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danby.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven Public Library.....	1887	Yes	Elizabeth Perkins.....	3,500	425.00	No	.....	.....	.....
Hubbardton.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ira.....	Baptist Sunday school Lib.	1850	Yes	Lillian Fish.....	150	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Mendon.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Holly.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Tabor.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pawlet.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsfield.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsford.....	Macure Library.....	1889	Yes	Bertha M. Shaw.....	4,000	232.29	No	.....	.....	Walker Memorial building given by Henry F. Walker, M. D., otherwise endowed by several.
Poultney.....	Poultney Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Addie Kilborn.....	1,684	600.00	Yes	.....	\$568.50	.....
Proctor.....	Proctor Public Library.....	1881	No	Nellie M. Glasson.....	4,500	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Rutland.....	Rutland Free Library.....	1886	Yes	Mary L. Titcomb.....	11,057	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib.	1891	Yes	Mrs. E. C. Riker.....	1,900	.....	No	.....	.....	Supported by H. H. Baxter.
Sherburne.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shrewsbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sudbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thimonth.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford.....	Gilbert Hart Library.....	1894	Yes	May L. Congdon.....	2,400	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Wells.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Haven.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Rutland.....	West Rutland Library.....	1881	Yes	Anna H. Spencer.....	1,200	320.00	No

* Annually.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 15 "
 " 27 "

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WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. VOLS. July, 1898.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	STATE AID.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barre.....	{ Barre Library Association. E. E. French Library.....	1873	No	Edith A. Boyce.....	1,500	\$300.00	No			
Berlin.....	No library.....		No	" "	1,500		No		\$2,500.00	E. E. French.....
Cabot.....	Cabot Free Library.....	1896	Yes	C. M. Boyles.....	479	25.00	Yes			
Calais.....	Calais Circulating Library.....	1830	No	Mrs. C. E. Robinson.....	1,070		No	\$10.00		
Duxbury.....	No library.....									
E. Montpelier.....	No library.....									
Fayston.....	No library.....									
Marshfield.....	Marshfield Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Alvi T. Davis.....	162	25.00	Yes			
Middlesex.....	No library.....									
Montpelier.....	{ Kellogg-Hubbard Library.. Montpelier Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mary E. Macomber.....	6,797		No			{ Martin M. Kellogg Fannie M. Kellogg John E. Hubbard.
Moretown.....	No library.....	1885	Yes		6,000		No			
Northfield.....	Northfield Free Public Lib.. Plainfield.....	1895	Yes	Ellen S. Brown.....	1,489	214.25	Yes			
Roxbury.....	No library.....									
Waitsfield.....	No library.....									
Warren.....	No library.....									
Waterbury.....	Waterbury Public Library.....	1888	No	Jasmine A. Straw.....	1,584		No	68.00		
Woodbury.....	Woodbury Public Library.....	1895	Yes	B. H. Daniels.....	229	25.00	Yes			
Worcester.....	No library.....									

* For care of both libraries.

Library free,	5 towns.
Library not free,	3 "
No library,	11 "
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WINDHAM COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	ANNUAL DOCS.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Athens	Athens Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. P. O. Edwards.	227	Yes	\$15.00	.....	.....	.....
Brattleboro.....	Brattleboro Free Library	1882	Yes	Wm. C. Bradley	10,800	No	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....
Brookline	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dummerston	Dummerston Library Ass'n	1874	No	Henry H. Miller	140	No	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton	Grafton Public Library	1874	Yes	Lara A. Phelps	2,200	No	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Guilford	Guilford Free Library	1891	Yes	Mrs. W. G. Worden	1,120	No	40.00	.....	\$1,000.00	Mrs. C. A. King
Halifax	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Londonderry	Londonderry Lib. Ass'n	1882	No	.....	.....	No	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newfane	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putney	Putney Public Library	1896	Yes	Mark Ward	666	Yes	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Rockingham	Rockingham Free Library	1888	Yes	Mrs. B. J. Plantier	6,759	No	900.00	.....	.....	.....
Somerset	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stratton	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wardboro	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westminster	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitingham	No library .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington	Wilmington Free Library	1895	Yes	May Farrow	500	Yes	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Windham	Windham Library	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. M. Lamson	183	Yes	15.00

Library free, 8 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 13 "
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WINDSOR COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898.	ANNUAL DUES.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Andover.....	Andover Town Library.....	1896	Yes	H. B. Stannard.....	342	Yes	\$15.00	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnard.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cavendish.....	Fletcher Town Library.....	1870	Yes	B. G. White.....	5,500	.....	194.00	.....	\$100.00	Richard Fletcher.....
Chester.....	Whiting Free Library.....	1892	Yes	C. Ginevra Pollard.....	2,700	No	200.00	.....	4,000.00	Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail E. Whiting
Hartford.....	Hartford Library.....	1893	Yes	Jennie A. Sprague.....	2,000	No	.....	.....	10,000.00	Ephraim Norris.....
Hartland.....	Hartland Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Louise R. Sturtevant.....	900	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Ludlow.....	Florence Memorial Library.....	1892	Yes	Lizzie Crane.....	2,141	No	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwich.....	Norwich Public Library.....	1880	No	Miss M. J. Davis.....	2,192	No	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Pomfret Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Clara M. Thacher.....	511	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Reading.....	Reading Free Library.....	1897	Yes	Minnie C. Fay.....	1,006	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	Rochester Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Jessie M. Morgan.....	800	Yes	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Royalton.....	Royalton Town Free Lib.....	1896	Yes	Seymour Culver.....	800	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Sharon.....	Sharon Public Library.....	1895	Yes	C. R. Adams.....	956	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Springfield.....	Springfield Town Library.....	1871	Yes	Mattie Goodnough.....	6,500	No	250.00	.....	*155.02	(One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building)
Stockbridge.....	Stockbridge Free Library.....	1896	Yes	J. A. Chedel.....	219	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	William C. Belcher.....
.....	Belcher Library.....	1897	Yes	P. B. Steele.....	1,940	No	75.00	.....	1,000.00	.....
Weathersfield.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	Weston Free Library.....	1898	Yes	G. H. Coburn.....	400	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	.....
West Windsor.....	West Windsor Public Lib.....	1895	.....	C. S. Worcester.....	180	Yes	25.00	.....	.....	(Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow.
Windsor.....	Windsor Library Assoc'n.....	1888	Yes	Rev. E. N. Goddard.....	8,459	No	400	.....	10,000.00	.....
Woodstock.....	Norman Williams Pub. Lib.....	1888	Yes	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.....	10,786	No	.....	.....	*2,720.00	Dr. E. H. Williams...

* Annually.

Library free, 17 towns.
 Library not free, 1 "
 No library, 6 "
 — 24 "

HISTORIES
OF
LIBRARIES IN VERMONT.





BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

[Fuller histories of some of the larger libraries in the State may be found in the First Biennial Report of the Board of Library Commissioners, 1895—96.]

Addison.—No library.

Albany.—No library.

Alburg.—A free library was started Dec. 12, 1896, with the assistance of the gift of books from the State. The town gives yearly \$25 for the maintenance of the library which now contains 400 books and is progressing finely. There are 176 readers and 2053 books were issued last year. Librarian, Mrs. Florence H. Brayton.

Andover.—The Andover Town Library was established in 1896 by a vote of the town. It contains 342 volumes and is supported by a yearly appropriation from the town of \$15. It has received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Librarian, H. B. Stannard, who gives his services.

Arlington.—No library.

Athens.—The Athens Public Library was established in 1896. It is a free library belonging to the town and supported by an annual tax of \$15. It contains 227 volumes, \$100 worth of which were contributed by the State. Librarian, Mrs. P. O. Edwards.

Bakersfield.—No public library. There is a library connected with Brigham Academy for the use of teachers and pupils of the school only. Librarian, C. H. Morrill.

Baltimore.—No library.

Barnard.—No library.

Barnet.—No library.

Barre.—*The Barre Library Association* was organized Dec. 8, 1873, with 80 members, each paying \$2.50 for membership, \$1 for annual dues. Since 1881 books have been rented to any one desiring them, children included. Lectures, concerts and suppers help to furnish money for the purchase of new books. After paying the salary of the librarian and assistant the surplus is expended for books. For the last few years at the request of the librarian the city has given a part of the dog tax, about \$500, to the library. It is open every evening including Sunday, from 6 to 9, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6. Number of books added last year 50. Circulation 1300. Librarian, Edith A. Boyce. Assistant, Maude L. Bush.

E. E. French Library.—Mr. E. E. French donated \$2500 at his death for a library to be known as the E. E. French Library, the books to be of reference, history, science, biography, but no fiction. The trustees are appointed by the city. Already 1500 books have been purchased and are kept in the same room with those of the Barre Library Association. They are rented at 50 cents a year, the terms of the will being "such compensation being asked as not to keep the poor from access." The town donates \$300 for the care of the library and the librarians of the Library Association have charge of the books. There were 700 books loaned last year and 100 new ones added. A library building is very much needed for the town.

Barton.—Barton Town Library was established in 1896, the town voting that year \$50 and \$100 worth of books being received from the State. In 1897 the town voted \$200 and the same year two corporation libraries were added to the Town Library with the understanding that a branch be established at Barton Landing. This has been done and in 1898 the town again voted \$200. It is believed that when the people get used to the branch library it will be a good thing and in time there will be a fine working library with books enough for a good branch. Number of books May, 1898, 729. Added last year, 125. An average of 75 books are given out each day the library is open. Hours, Monday from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. Librarian, L. M. Hubbard.

Bellows Falls.—See Rockingham.

Belvidere.—No library.

Bennington.—The Bennington Free Library was established in 1865 by the joint action of Seth B. Hunt and Trenor W. Park. Both were born and spent much of their lives in Bennington. The donors at equal expense purchased an unfinished commodious brick building two stories in height situated in the central part of the village and fitted two rooms in the second story for a library and reading room. There was also on the second floor a town hall to be used for lectures, concerts and public meetings. Their supposition was that the rental of the hall would meet the expenses of the library. They gave 2500 books and over 3000 have been added since. The hall has failed to pay the expenses of the library as was hoped. In 1893 the library was moved to the lower floor. Since then the hall has been enlarged and refitted at the expense of the heirs of Mr. Park and it is expected that better returns will be received in the future for its rent. The library is free only in name, as it is in reality a subscription library. For the last two years it has received an appropriation from the town but this is hardly adequate to meet the expenses. The property is controlled by trustees who are assignees or survivors of the five original trustees and the library is governed by trustees elected at the March meeting, for one year. It is wished that the time may not be far distant when it may become free. The library is open every week day from 10 to 12 in the morning, 2 to 5.30 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. Librarian, Mary B. Merrill.

Benson.—The Benson Book Club was organized in the sixties by a few



BROOKS LIBRARY BUILDING, BRATTLEBORO.

citizens who assessed themselves \$2 each, per year, for its support. Any person became a member by paying the above sum and ceased to be a member when he failed to pay. It flourished until within the last two or three years, when finally the living members gave the books to the town, provided the town would appropriate a sum for the support of the library, and apply for the aid offered by the State. It is certain to be well cared for in the future. Librarian, Fannie Ladd.

Berkshire.—No library.

Berlin.—No library.

Bethel.—No library.

Bloomfield.—No library.

Bolton.—No library.

Bradford.—Bradford is the first town in which an incorporated library was established in Vermont, and this at so early a day (1796) as to mark unmistakably the intelligence of the early settlers. The library of this corporation was kept in one of the village stores. How long it existed is not known but the organization finally fell into decay although a considerable number of its books are now a part of the Merrill library of the high school. In 1874, 63 women organized the Ladies' Library Association which afterwards, still under the management of women, became the Bradford Public Library Association. In the twenty years of its existence this association accumulated a library of 2188 volumes. They were substantially aided during these years by a gift of \$1000 from Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, a native of Bradford, to be invested and the income expended in the purchase of books. In 1896, through the generosity of John L. Woods, late of Cleveland, Ohio, Bradford became the possessor of a library building costing \$10,000 with an endowment of \$5000, the income of which is to be expended in the care of the building. To the corporation owning this building the Bradford Library Association have given their books. An effort is being made by the trustees to raise an endowment fund sufficient for the maintenance of the library. Librarian, Annie G. Spaulding.

Braintree.—No library.

Brandon.—No free library. The Brandon Ladies' Book Club has a library of about 3000 volumes.

Battleboro.—The origin of the Brattleboro Free Library is to be found in the old Brattleboro Library Association, which dates from a meeting held Oct. 3, 1842, "for the purpose of taking measures to organize a Public Library." Membership in this association, conditioned on the payment of \$2 per share, subject to an annual assessment of \$1, was not confined to residents of the town. During the nearly forty years of the existence of this organization, the patrons never at any time exceeded a few hundreds, although the names of most of the well-known residents of Brattleboro and vicinity appear upon the list. In the winter of 1881-2, a movement was made to merge this library into one that should be supported by the town, and made free to all residents. Consent of the individual shareholders was secured, and on the 7th day of March, 1882, the town

voted to establish and maintain a free public library as provided in the Revised Laws of Vermont, taking the books and other properties of the association from the shareholders upon conditions set forth in the articles of agreement.

The year 1886 marks an era in the history of the library, not less important than that in which it was adopted by the town. During this year Mr. George J. Brooks, with characteristic liberality, erected and furnished the present Brooks Library Building. His sudden death, a few days before the time appointed for the dedication, revealed his plans completed, even to the preparation of his address of presentation. On the evening of Jan. 25, 1887, at the service of dedication, the building was transferred by the executors of Mr. Brooks' estate to a Board of Trustees chosen by himself, by them to be held in trust for "the use and benefit of the town, for the purpose of a public library." Later, the heirs of Mr. Brooks placed in the hands of these trustees the sum of \$15,000, for the maintenance of the building and its accessories. The trustees of the Free Library, having been formally notified that the building was ready for their use, transferred the library to the present commodious quarters.

The library numbers about 10,000 volumes for reference and circulation, besides about 2000 in the Phelps Division. The latter are the gift of the late Judge James Phelps of Townshend, and are for reference only. They consist of law books of special value, local history, and an interesting miscellaneous collection. Librarian, William C. Bradley.

Bridgewater.—No library.

Bridport.—No library.

Brighton.—The Island Pond Public Library was established in November, 1895, with the assistance of aid from the State. The town has appropriated each year more than the amount required by the law of 1894 and several volumes have been presented to the library. The schools are helped by teachers being allowed to keep books out as long as they wish. Present number of volumes, 330; added during the last year, 65; circulation for the last year, 3500. Librarian, Leta J. Eaton.

Bristol.—The Bristol Library Association contains about 1000 volumes. The books are rented for any length of time, within a year. Librarian, Mrs. John R. Kilborn.

Brookfield.—The Brookfield Library is one of the oldest in the State having been organized in 1793, fourteen years after the first settlement of the town. The original constitution was signed by 48 names, and sixteen shillings, two dollars and sixty-seven cents, was the first fee for membership. A meeting of the stockholders has been held every year since its establishment at which the use of the books is auctioned off to the highest bidder. The volumes thus secured can be retained by each person until the next meeting when they are returned and another auction is held. Librarian, W. J. Blodgett. No compensation.

Brookline.—No library.

Brownington.—No library.

Brunswick.—No library.



WOODS LIBRARY BUILDING, BRADFORD.

Burke.—There is no free public library in the town though the inhabitants have library privileges to the following extent: In East Burke a Ladies' Library Association was organized in 1872. The books with which it started were given by the Ladies' Library Association in St. Johnsbury when the Athenæum was given to that town. Since then many volumes have been added to the library but the growth has been slow on account of a lack of interest on the part of the members. There are 400 books in the library at present and 30 were added last year. Librarian, Mrs. Susan Streeter.

West Burke also has a Ladies' Library Association which has been in existence for 25 years and now owns 946 books and 16 were added last year. The library is kept at the house of Mrs. S. A. Buel who serves as librarian.

West Burke School District, No. 7, was on August 12, of this year the recipient of a well selected children's library of 200 books presented by Mrs. Grace LeBaron Upham of Boston.

Burlington.—*Fletcher Free Library.*—Mrs. Mary L. Fletcher gave \$10,000 for the purchase of books and Miss Mary L. Fletcher \$10,000 as a fund, the income to be spent for books, on condition the city provide a suitable library building and care for the library. The library was opened July 6, 1875, with T. P. W. Rogers as librarian. On his resignation in 1885 Miss Sarah C. Hagar was appointed in his place. The influence and use of the library is increasing constantly, especially with the young. The connection between library and schools is very satisfactory. Many duplicate volumes are bought to be taken by the teachers for the use of scholars and teachers and retained during a school term. The building occupied is the old Court House, now the property of the city. Number of volumes owned by the library May 1, 1898, 35,000. Number of books issued last year, 53,391.

The Billings Library.—The efficiency of the library dates from about 1835, when Professor Joseph Torrey, after prolonged study of catalogues on the part of the faculty and consultation with experts in other colleges, purchased some 7000 volumes in Europe at a cost of about \$8750. This original collection has a value which cannot be estimated by the number of volumes, nor does the sum expended measure today the money value of the books. Only one other college in the United States (Harvard) at that day possessed a library equally well suited to the needs of an institution of learning.

There were added to the collection in 1895-96, 1730 volumes; in 1896-97, 1125 volumes. The number of pamphlets added in the two years is about 2300. Whole number of volumes now on the shelves, not counting duplicates, about 52,750. The library has a special fund of \$50,000 provided by Mr. Billings, the income of which is applied to the management and care of the building and its contents. Annual income for the purchase of books, a little over \$1000.

The beautiful and commodious Billings Library, erected at a cost exceeding \$150,000, with a shelving capacity of 100,000 volumes, contains

the general library of the University and the special collections. The apse, originally designed for the Marsh collection, has been appropriated to the use of the reference library and reading room. Students are allowed direct access to the shelves, with the exception of the Marsh collection. All comers are free to use the library for reading or consultation, and books are loaned to such persons as are personally known, or properly vouched for, to the library authorities. The whole library has been carefully arranged by subjects, on the Dewey system, with accession and shelf catalogues. A card catalogue on the dictionary plan is in progress, being already complete for the subjects: literature, philology, history, philosophy, religion, natural science and portions of sociology, industrial arts and fine art. A full catalogue of the Marsh collection, by authors and subjects, has been published.

Notable among the gifts of the current year are five rare and costly imperial folios from Gen. Rush C. Hawkins of New York city, reproductions, three of them, of priceless Old Testament Manuscripts in the Ambrosian Library at Milan; and the set of Stevens' Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives, 1773 to 1783, 25 folio volumes including index. This collection by a Vermonter in London, of which only 200 copies were issued, is one of which Vermonters have no little reason to be proud. It will be seen at once to be invaluable as a handy and absolutely trustworthy compilation of otherwise virtually inaccessible primary sources of Revolutionary history.

Cabot.—Cabot Free Library was opened Aug. 15, 1896. Besides the \$100 worth selected by the State Library Commission some books belonging to circulating libraries were contributed. The number of books is now 479. Added last year, 60. Loaned last year, 1000. Library open Wednesdays and Saturdays. Librarian, C. M. Boyles.

Calais.—The Calais Circulating Library originated in this way. A number of citizens of the town of Calais met according to previous notice, Jan. 14, 1832, for the purpose of establishing a library society. Officers and various committees were chosen and by-laws and regulations were adopted. The members numbered 33 who paid a membership fee and an annual assessment for the maintenance of the library. The library has continued under the same by-laws with a few amendments. Some of the children and grandchildren of the originators are at present members of the society. Many of the best histories, biographies and travels are contained in the library. It now numbers 1070 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. C. E. Robinson who serves without compensation.

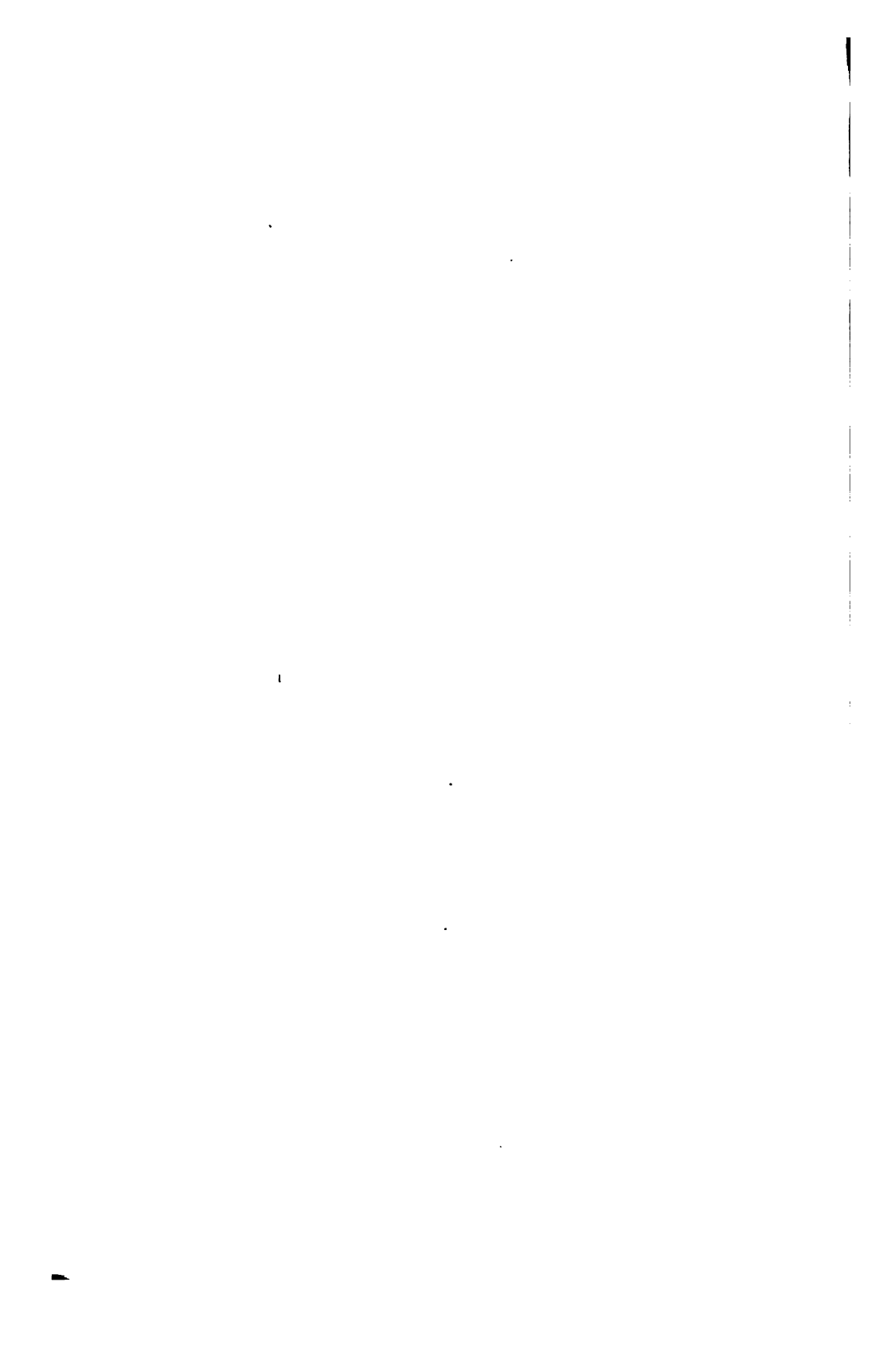
Cambridge.—No library.

Canaan.—In 1895 the Canaan Library was established with State Aid. It is open Wednesday and Saturday from 2 until 4 P. M. It owns 348 books, 100 added last year, and 900 loaned during the year. Chairman of Trustees, A. Q. Pottle. Librarian, Mrs. Charles H. Weeks.

Castleton.—The Castleton Free Library was organized in 1897 under the laws of the State. The trustees appointed caused the town to be canvassed for books and money, with the result of 400 volumes and \$50 in



CASTLETON FREE LIBRARY.





WHITING FREE LIBRARY, CHESTER.

labor and money. The interest of the townspeople is evinced by the amount of the circulation for 11 months, being 4496 the total number of volumes in the library being 800. The reading room is under the management of the Good Literature Club, organized two and one-half years ago with a yearly attendance of about 2000. It is patronized by people of all classes. The reading matter is only of the very best. Monthly meetings are held for the study of authors, art, science and local history. These meetings have been largely attended and are anticipated with great interest. Librarian, C. H. Rice.

Cavendish.—The Fletcher Town Library was willed to the town of Cavendish in 1870, by Judge Richard Fletcher of Boston together with \$2000, the interest thereof to be used for the purchase of books. It contains 5500 volumes, part of which are kept at a branch library established at Proctorsville. The town appropriated \$194 for its support at the last March meeting. Librarian, E. G. White.

Charleston.—No library.

Charlotte.—No public library. The Horsford Library of the Baptist church was endowed by John Sherman and receives \$50 annually from his estate. It was established in 1875.

Chelsea.—The Alden Speare Memorial Library, established in 1894, started with the books belonging to a subscription library and a ladies' library as a nucleus. It is housed in a building erected by Alden Speare. The annual appropriation from the town amounts to \$45 and there are about 1100 volumes in the library. The librarian, Nellie Corwin, gives her services.

Chester.—The Whiting Free Library, established in 1892, is the result of bequests of Dr. Loring G. and Abigail B. Whiting. From the endowment left by them a building costing about \$8000 was erected, and the trustees have in charge a fund of \$4000, the income of which is available for the support of the library. The town also appropriates \$200 yearly. The library contains 2700 volumes. Librarian, C. Ginevra Pollard.

Chittenden.—The Chittenden Free Public Library was established in 1895, the town appropriating \$25, which has been continued annually and the State sending \$100 worth of books. There are 273 volumes on the shelves. It is well patronized, and its future looks bright. The librarian, E. J. Perry, receives no compensation.

Clarendon.—No library.

Colchester.—No library.

Concord.—The Concord Library was established in 1896 under the State law. It received at that time from the West Concord Library about 475 books and from the State the allotment of \$100 worth. It is located in the post office, the postmaster, Warner J. Bingham, being librarian, Edith M. Brooks, assistant. Number of volumes May, 1898, 578. No new ones added last year.

Corinth.—The East Corinth Public Library, numbering 450 volumes, was established by an association of public spirited citizens in 1894. It is

supported by the subscriptions of association members, and gifts from former residents of the town. Librarian, W. R. Rowland.

Cornwall.—Mr. Gilbert Cook Lane, by his will, left a legacy of \$100 to aid in establishing a library, provided that the town, or individuals, would by subscription or otherwise, increase the sum to \$500. Availing themselves of this stimulus several gentlemen organized a joint stock company. By the liberality of several subscribers in taking five shares each, more than the requisite amount was secured. An association was formed near the close of 1859 called the "Lane Library Association of Cornwall." The association now owns 1026 volumes. The librarian, Mrs. E. O. Porter, gives her services.

Coventry.—No library.

Craftsbury.—In 1892 there were not more than 250 volumes in the Craftsbury Academy Library. That year Mrs. Mary T. Hill of Burlington offered to give her books by bequest if the people would erect a fire-proof building. As soon as the building was erected by means of subscriptions, books began to be received. Mrs. Hill has lately died and her bequest is soon to be added to the collection. The library is catalogued by the Dewey Decimal system and it is expected that a catalogue will soon be printed. The library is supported by subscriptions, no appropriation having been received from the town. Number of volumes about 1200. Loaned last year, 837. Librarian, Ida G. Dustan.

Danby.—No library.

Danville.—The Pope Memorial Library at Danville Green is the outgrowth of a Young Ladies' Library Association which originated in the summer of 1879. The association beginning with 12 members soon reached the number of 40, each member paying \$1 and promising to help the cause in all possible ways. By means of a fair, cantata and other entertainments given during the winter the young women succeeded in raising \$125. This was spent in March, 1880, in purchasing books and a book case, and a friendly shoe-maker allowed the case to be placed in his shop. The library prospered and in 1885 a small brick structure was bought to contain it. By means of gifts and entertainments a few new books were bought each year. May 9, 1889, a fire broke out which destroyed the greater part of the village. The Young Ladies' Library Association however, saved their 700 books by carrying them to a place of safety in their aprons before their building was burned. The next year their courage was rewarded by the gift of a well appointed library building from Mrs. Charles B. Pope of Chicago, in memory of her husband. The library is still supported by subscription with timely assistance of money and books from Mrs. Pope. There are now 1078 volumes on the shelves; 36 were added last year and 1031 loaned. Librarian, Nellie A. Colby.

The village of North Danville has at present a travelling library of thirty volumes loaned them by the St. Johnsbury Woman's Club. It started on its travels last June, and when read by the people of the place, will be moved to another locality. It is kept at the house of Mrs. F. H. Hubbard and is being well patronized.



POPE MEMORAL LIBRARY, DANVILLE.

Derby.—A library was first established by the citizens of the town many years ago. About 1880 a new organization was formed which awakened some interest and many new books were added by voluntary contribution. Interest soon died out and nothing was done for several years when the books were moved into the Derby Academy building and placed in charge of the principal. Its use is principally by the students of the school, although free to all inhabitants of the town.

Dorset.—The Dorset Book Club was organized in 1870. It is governed by a board of three trustees and supported by membership fees, amounting in 1897 to \$47.60. The library contains 467 volumes. Librarian, H. D. Baldwin.

Dover.—No library.

Dummerston.—The Dummerston Library Association was established in 1874. It is a subscription library containing 140 volumes. Librarian, Henry H. Miller, who serves without compensation.

Duxbury.—No library.

East Haven.—No library.

East Montpelier.—No library. The people of the town have access to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier by paying \$1 a year.

Eden.—No library.

Elmore.—No library.

Enosburg.—The Enosburg Public Library was opened Aug. 1, 1896, the necessary steps having been taken to procure State aid. It is kept in a store and the books are accessible at all hours when the store is open. The proprietor of the store gives his services as librarian. During the past year 69 volumes have been added to the library, of which number 37 were purchased from the library funds and 32 were presented by Mr. F. S. Thornton. There are now 294 volumes in the library. The library records show that the number of books taken out each month during the past year is as follows: Feb. '97, 364. Mar. 428. Apr. 392, May 288. June 185, July 136, Aug. 156, Sept. 127. Oct. 161, Nov. 166, Dec. 118, Jan. '98, 151. There are at present 512 people who take books from the library. Trustees, G. S. Fassett, H. A. Cramton, J. M. Jeffords, E. J. Tyler, W. R. Ovitt. Librarian, A. E. Galbraith.

Essex.—No library.

Fair Haven.—The Fair Haven Public Library, established in 1887, owes its existence to the suggestion and influence of Mr. Moses Coit, a non-resident greatly interested in the establishment of libraries, the persistent efforts of Hon. A. N. Adams, and the earnest advocacy of Prof. Walter E. Howard, who notwithstanding much opposition obtained an appropriation of \$1,000 from the town for its establishment and support. Since then a sum averaging \$600 has been voted annually. In 1894 a reading room supplied with periodicals, through private yearly subscriptions was added to the library, increasing its influence. The interest of the readers continues to increase from year to year, over 700 more books having been drawn out in 1897 than in 1896. Librarian, Elizabeth Perkins.

Fairfax.—No library.

Fairfield.—No library.

Fairlee.—The Fairlee Town Library is one of the libraries established this year, (1898,) by the vote of the town. It has received the State grant of books. The annual appropriation is \$15. Librarian, Mrs. B. W. Abbott.

Fayston.—No library.

Ferrisburg.—No library.

Fletcher.—A free library was established two years ago, the State furnishing 110 books. Since then 124 books have been added by the town and by benefits. Librarian, Mrs. Cephas Carpenter.

Franklin.—In 1896 the Franklin Public Library was started with State Aid. There are 630 volumes in the library and 3,007 books were issued last year. Librarian, S. J. Randall.

Georgia.—Georgia Free Library was established Jan. 1, 1896, on receipt of a little over 100 volumes from the State. The town gives \$25 a year and additions have been made as fast as possible. The patronage has been very good. Chairman of Trustees, Abner Bliss. Librarian, Mrs. Abner Bliss.

Glastenbury.—No library.

Glover —No library.

Goshen.—No library.

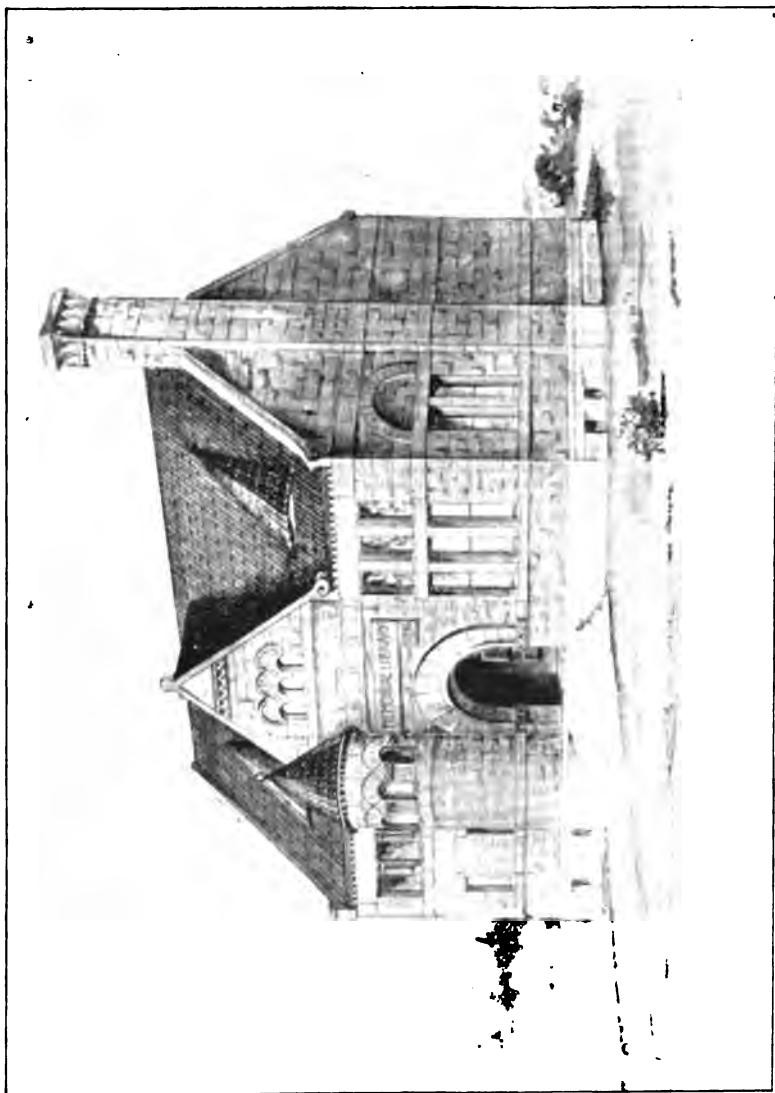
Grafton.—The Grafton Public Library was founded by private individuals in 1858, under the name of the Grafton Library Society. It was transferred to the town for a public library under the care of trustees then appointed, August 31, 1874. It has since been supported by an appropriation from the town varying from fifty to one hundred and twenty-five dollars annually. Librarian, Lura A. Phelps.

Granby.—The Town Library was started in 1896 with the \$100 gift of books from the State. No books have been added since. The library is kept in the town building. Librarian, Lella Matthews. Trustee, A. M. Carpenter.

Grand Isle.—The Grand Isle Library Club was organized Dec. 10, 1868, with 22 members paying \$3 each. The annual dues of \$1 per member according to the by-laws were expended for books. From year to year the members have died or moved away and the numbers are now very few. Two hundred and fifty is the present number of books, none having been added during the last year. Trustees, J. A. Chamberlain and S. P. Gordon, chosen yearly. The librarian, Mrs. Cordelia, Ufford gives her services.

Granville.—The Granville Free Library, established in 1895, by a vote of the town contains 208 volumes. It received the State grant of books, and depends for its support on the \$15 appropriated annually by the town. Librarian, Bessie Hubbard.

Greensboro.—A library was started in 1873 by a number of citizens who paid \$10 apiece for its establishment. It has since been supported by an annual assessment of \$1 a year upon those drawing books. Present number of volumes, 400. No new books have been added recently and the



JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, HARDWICK.

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HARTFORD LIBRARY.

library is not in a very active condition. It is kept in the house of Dr. Kinney, Mrs. Kinney serving as librarian.

Groton.—A library association was formed in December, 1894, for the purpose of raising money and establishing a free public library. The money raised was used in the purchase of books and \$100 worth of books was received from the State. There is now a sum in the treasury which will be expended for books in the near future. Number of books in the library 425. Circulation during the last year, 1585. Librarian, George N. Clark.

Guildhall.—No library.

Guilford.—The Guilford Free Library was established in 1891 by Mrs. C. A. King who bequeathed \$1000 to the town for a library if they would build a suitable building for the same. With the exception of the annual appropriation from the town, which last year amounted to \$40, and a few gifts of books this is all the aid the library has received. The collection numbers 1120 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. W. G. Worden.

Halifax.—No library.

Hancock.—No library.

Hardwick.—*The Hathaway Free Library* was started in May, 1895, with \$500 left to the town for that purpose by the late M. V. B. Hathaway. By a vote of the town in March, 1895, State Aid was applied for and the proper steps having been taken \$100 worth of books were received. A catalogue of the books then in the library was soon printed. Until January, 1898, the books were kept in a room rented for the purpose.

Jeudevine Memorial Library.—In December, 1897, a fine library building and a small library were presented to the town by Mrs. M. M. Jeudevine in memory of her husband and son. The Hathaway Library was then moved into this building and one librarian has care of both libraries though each is kept by itself. The salary is or will be a little over \$100 a year. The library building is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5, 6 to 9 p. m., also Saturday mornings from 9 to 12. Two hundred dollars was appropriated by the town in March, 1898, for the running expenses of both libraries. Librarian, Carrie P. Bridgman.

Hartford.—*The Hartford Library* was the outgrowth of the Hartford Library Association, composed of about fifty persons, varying from year to year, maintaining and increasing its collection and having an annual fee of \$1. The field they sought to reach appealed to the generosity of Mr. Ephraim Morris who was keenly alive to the difficulties and value of the work undertaken by them. He gave a fund of \$10,000 for a building for the library and a fund to support it. A lot of land was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pease and a pretty building with convenient reading room, library and assembly hall has been fitted up. There were 1200 books as a nucleus from the old association. These are being constantly added to from the income of the endowment fund. The building was erected in 1893. The library is entirely free. Librarian, Jennie A. Sprague.

Wilder Club and Library.—The "Wilder Club and Library," is the name of a new institution established by the beneficence of the late Charles T. Wilder of Waverly, Mass., who has given his name to the village of Wilder,

where the Olcott Falls company, of which Mr. Wilder was president and chief owner, is located. The institution is endowed with a fund of \$30,000 which is entrusted to a self-perpetuating corporation composed originally of members appointed under the will of Mr. Wilder. It is intended to serve not only as a library and reading room, but to be the common centre of social life, where all may meet and associate and acquire by mutual contact better knowledge of, and truer sympathy with, each other. So we find in it not only books, periodicals and newspapers, but rooms for the Ladies' Club, for the workingman, a gymnasium, with baths and all the modern conveniences, a bowling alley and a room for games. All meet on the plane of social equality and true democracy. The nucleus of the library is a collection of some 600 books which have been collected from time to time by the Village Library Association for private circulation. This will be rapidly added to out of the funds in possession of the corporation and in time it will undoubtedly become one of the largest libraries in the town of Hartford, which is already so highly favored by the private library collections in each of the villages and the collections of the Hartford Library, the gift of Mr. Ephraim Morris in 1894. Mr. Wilder's gift is of such recent date (1897) that its practical working out is yet to be accomplished. Under the sympathetic supervision of his brother, who is a member of the corporation and has taken his place to a large extent, it is safe to predict a magnificent future to the charity. A new building is being erected on a pleasantly located lot, at a cost of about \$10,000 under the supervision of the architect, Mr. Louis S. Newton of Hartford.

Hartland.—The Hartland Public Library was established under the Act of 1894. In 1896 the town appropriated \$25, money was raised by school entertainments, and small gifts from persons interested was added. The State contributed one hundred dollars worth of books. There are three divisions to the town, Hartland, North Hartland and Hartland Four Corners. One-third of the books, numbering in all 900 volumes, are at each place, and there are three librarians, each of whom gives a room in a private house for the books, and the work is done without compensation. The annual appropriation of the town amounts to \$25. Librarians, Louise B. Sturtevant, Mrs. O. M. Badger, Mrs. D. Flowers.

Highgate.—At the annual March meeting in 1897 the town voted to accept the provisions of the Act of 1894 concerning State Aid to libraries, elected trustees and appropriated \$25 for the maintenance of a library. In the fall the assignment of books was received and the library opened in the Town Clerk's office. A few private contributions have been received. The selection of books made by the State Commissioners was very satisfactory. Librarian, O. E. Sheridan.

Hinesburgh.—In 1822 the Hinesburgh Literary Society Library was chartered by the legislature. This library had from two to three hundred volumes and was supported by the society. The society and library have had a long decline and went out about ten years since. What remains of the library is now in the Town Clerk's office and consists of about 100 volumes.



ISLE LA MOTTE FREE LIBRARY.



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Holland.—No library.

Hubbardton.—No library.

Huntington.—No library.

Hyde Park.—The Hyde Park Public Library was established by means of State Aid two years ago and now numbers 500 volumes. It has received at various times gifts of books from those interested in the good work of building up a library. A very good room has been fitted up for the use of the library, and it is being frequented by the users of books to quite an extent. One hundred books were added last year. The library is kept in the building with the post office. The librarian, L. H. Noyes, gives his services.

Ira.—No public library. The Baptist Sunday-school Library has been in existence since 1850 and contains 150 books.

Irasburgh.—No library.

Island Pond.—See Brighton.

Isle La Motte.—Isle La Motte Free Library was established with State Aid in 1895. There are now 151 books, 34 having been added last year. Librarian, Mary Montgomery.

Jamaica.—No library.

Jay.—No library.

Jericho.—No free library. There are two small exclusive circulating libraries in the town.

Johnson.—The nucleus of the Johnson Public Library was a gift of less than 100 volumes which had once formed a private circulating library. In March, 1895, the town voted to respond to the offer made by the State. From the State \$100 worth of books was received, and from other sources three lots of books have been donated. Two gifts of money amounting to thirty dollars have also been presented. The children are the best patrons of the library and books are selected with especial regard to their needs. The interest in the library is increasing and the books go into every neighborhood in town. A simple and effective form for cataloguing the books is now being planned, and a gift of money is expected for that purpose. The five trustees are chosen from different sections of the town, the librarian being one of the trustees. This is found to be an excellent way of getting at the needs and practical working of the library. The library is open Saturday of each week from 2 to 5 p. m., and 7 to 8.30. Number of books in the library 415; added last year, 26; loaned last year, 2451. Librarian, Mrs. D. G. Holmes. Secretary of Trustees, Ida M. Barton.

Kirby.—The Kirby Public Library was started in 1895 in consequence of the law passed the preceding fall offering State Aid. After the necessary steps were taken to secure the \$100 worth of books, the location of the library was a hard question to settle. Kirby mountain divides the town in such a way that the inhabitants go for their mail to three of the surrounding towns and there is no central point which all could reach. It was finally decided to divide the library into three parts. The main part where the accession book is kept is on the road to East St. Johnsbury. The branches are at North Kirby on the way to Lyndonville, and South Kirby

on the way to West Concord. In spite of the difficulty of dividing so small a number of books and shifting them from one branch to another, the plan has worked in a very satisfactory way and more people are reached and benefitted every year. One of the best results of the library is the bringing together of the town to form the Literary Society which meets every quarter either at one of the libraries or elsewhere. Some entertainment is given at each meeting for the benefit of the library. One of the last was a circulating library party which resulted in \$8 for the cause. The town appropriates \$15 annually and the services of the three librarians are given as well as room for the books in the house of each. There are now 186 books in all, 66 having been added to the 118 received from the State. Circulation for last year, 519. Chairman of Trustees, P. H. Graves. Librarian, Mrs. H. E. Bartlett. Assistants, Eva Wetherbee, Mary Quimby.

Landgrove.—The Landgrove Public Library was established in 1895. It received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Contains 181 volumes and is supported by an annual appropriation from the town of \$15. The library is cared for by Mrs. Rowena R. Wiley gratuitously.

Leicester.—No library.

Lemington.—No library.

Lincoln.—No library.

Londonderry.—No free library. The Londonderry Library Association started in 1882 owns over 700 books.

Lowell.—No library. A few years ago there was a small one but for some years the books have not been in use.

Ludlow.—The Florence Memorial Library was established in 1892, and numbers 2141 volumes. It is located in the Congregational Church, a room having been especially prepared for it when the church was built. It is under control of the church, who elect a library committee, each member serving five years, a new one being chosen each year. It is, however, a public library entirely free and unsectarian. An endowment is contemplated by the person who fitted up the room in the church, and who has since then contributed \$250 annually for its support. Librarian, Lizzie Crane.

Lunenburg.—The town voted to accept State Aid in the spring of 1895, and raised the necessary amount, \$25, which was used for the purchase of books. To these were added \$100 worth of books from the State and the Lunenburg Public Library was opened Dec. 15, 1895. A small library owned by a few people was started fifteen years ago and by entertainments and gifts a very good selection of about 500 books was collected. This was turned over to the town on condition that the town raise a certain amount yearly for the purchase of books. The library is kept in a small room conveniently located but there is no reading room. Number of volumes May 1, 1898, 696. Circulation during last year, 2596. Trustees, E. W. Wright, Julia R. White, F. A. Turner, Emma A. Barnard, Martin Burt.

Lyndon.—The Act of the Legislature offering State aid was accepted by the town in March, 1895. The library opened Feb. 29, 1896, with 103



MARK SKINNER LIBRARY, MANCHESTER.

volumes furnished by the State. March, 1897, the number of books had increased to 532, 203 having been purchased during the year and the remainder presented by friends of the library. March 1, 1898, the number had increased to 1078, 206 volumes having been presented and the remainder purchased by the trustees. During the year the cards in use numbered 486, an increase of 216 over the previous year. For the last two years the town has voted unanimously a special appropriation of two per cent of its grand list, not far from \$270 each year for the library, in addition to the \$50 required by law. In the following ways money has been contributed: From the Whist Club, \$48.08; Ladies' Minstrels and Merry Milkmaids, (local entertainment) \$24 and \$178; Leap Year Party, (balance after expenses) \$4.50; Shakespeare Club, \$5. The library is now kept in a store centrally located and is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Number of books issued last year, 3835. Secretary and Treasurer of Trustees, E. M. Campbell. Librarian, Mrs. H. Duston.

Maidstone.—No library.

Manchester.—The Mark Skinner Library was given to the town of Manchester, July 1897, by Frances Skinner Willing of Chicago, in memory of her father, Judge Mark Skinner. The gift includes a library building, furnished and equipped, and contains a library of about 12,000 volumes. A sufficient endowment is contemplated by the donor. For the present she provides yearly for the expense of maintaining the library. The library is free for reference, but for the use of books away from the library, a fifty-cent annual card is issued. All receipts from library cards and fines are devoted to the purchase and re-binding of books. Librarian, Clara F. Hemenway.

Marlboro.—No library.

Marshfield.—The Marshfield Public Library was opened in November, 1895, after receiving the \$100 gift of books from the State. It now numbers 152 volumes which had a circulation of 1000 last year. The town has recently been willed \$6000 for a free public library by A. J. Jaqueth, and \$2000 is to be used as soon as received to purchase books and \$4000 is to be placed in trust, the income to be used for the same purpose. By a vote of the town last March, as soon as the above named funds come into the possession of the town the books now composing the Public Library will be placed with those purchased with the Jaqueth money, and the whole will be known as the A. J. Jaqueth Free Library. Librarian, A. T. Davis. Trustees, O. H. Smith, E. C. Pitkin, J. B. Pike, I. H. Edson, E. A. Thomas.

Mendon.—No library.

Middlebury.—*Ladies' Library Association* organized March, 1866. Constitution drawn up by the late Dugald Stewart, Esq., at the residence of Madame Wainwright. First year, the books were kept in two drawers at Beckwith & Co.'s store, Mr. Chas. Pinney having the care of them. Second year, moved to Mr. Parker's bookstore, Miss Parker, Librarian. Third and fourth years, moved to the rear end of N. P. Barbour's shoe store, Miss Julia Beckwith and Miss Mary Seymour, Librarians. In 1870

rented a small room in Buttolph Block, \$40; in 1874, room enlarged, rent increased; spring of 1887 moved to the Bank Building. Miss Higley has been librarian since 1878, with three assistants. Mrs. Oscar Cushman has been librarian since 1886 assuming half the duties. For a few years the library has been open on Wednesdays. The membership fee was \$2 until 1887, since it has been \$1. One year ago the association had a small amount left it by Mr. Cotton of Weybridge. The sum is not yet known. In April of the present year \$5000 was willed the association by Miss Starr. In both cases only the income is to be used.

The Library of Middlebury College, while first of all collegiate and one of the centers of the academic life, is nevertheless public in many of its features. No restrictions are placed on its use as a reference library by any who may wish to so employ it, and large numbers of its books are loaned, without charge, to residents of Middlebury and vicinity. In this regard the policy of the authorities is most liberal. The library contains between 17,000 and 18,000 volumes, exclusive of government publications, of which it is a depository. In its older elements, dating back for more than ninety years, its make-up is similar to that of many another—it is an aggregation of bequests, of the books of local societies since dead and of the scanty purchases of a time when finances were far from easy. Of the student societies whose books went finally to swell the collegiate collection, the chief were the Philadelphian (religious) and the Philomatherian (literary.) In its later and more important growth, the accessions have been directed not only to the enlarging of general lists but to the enriching of the various departmental collection. The efficiency of the library as a working center has steadily grown. Before the early eighties, its quarters were in that part of the chapel building now occupied by the museum. An extract from a series of rules then in force at that time will serve to illustrate the difference between then and now as regards the methods of administration. In the first place, it was not an every-day affair. "The library will be open for one hour on Saturdays at 9 A. M." But even that one hour was not a time for possible introduction to the library as such. The next rule states the restrictions: "Students are admitted to the ante-room of the library. The Librarian will, upon application, place upon the library tables any books which it may be desired to consult or inspect." In other words, the efficacy that attaches to actual contact with a library in its habitation could only communicate itself to the student body through a hole in the wall. Things are done better now-a-days. The hour a week has expanded into thirty-nine. Each shelf is accessible to every library used. Well equipped reading and reference rooms are connected with the library proper, and the library itself occupies four floors, each thirty feet square, in the north division of Painter Hall. As the facilities for work have increased, its use is more and more required of students by the various instructors. Constant reference is made in the class-room to books by volume and page. Works helpful in the investigation of special subjects are reserved in shelves upon the first floor. As a result a higher grade of scholarship and study has been made possible. The catalogues in use are three: a card catalogue





KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY, MONTEPELIER.

of authors, another of titles and subjects, and a written book catalogue, hardly necessary, of both titles and authors. A shelf catalogue will shortly be prepared. The officials are the librarian, selected from the faculty, and one assistant. The library can show no treasures of special value or importance, though many of its volumes, through association, are worthy of passing notice. Prof. William Chauncey Fowler, who from 1828 to 1838 occupied the chair of chemistry and natural history, was a son-in-law of Noah Webster and a co-laborer in the preparation of the dictionary. In consequence, the earlier editions of that work have, in their illustrative examples, a pleasant local flavor. A number of interesting volumes bear the presentation autograph of the great dictionary maker. It is hoped that the college will be able to celebrate its centennial in 1900 by the dedication of a new library building. For this the plans have already been prepared; if carried out they will result in a beautiful structure costing some \$50,000 and admirably adapted to making possible the most approved library methods. Librarian, C. B. Wright.

Middlesex.—No library.

Middletown.—No library.

Milton.—A few interested persons succeeded in getting in the call for town meeting in March, 1898, an article to see if the town would comply with the provisions of the law and secure State Aid in establishing a library. After much discussion the article was carried and an appropriation of \$40 secured. Trustees were elected according to law. Application for State Aid was soon made, and in the present month, July, a choice selection of books has been received from the State, to which additions will be soon made. Trustee, Rev. G. L. Story. Librarian, Mrs. C. L. Wolcott.

Monkton.—No library.

Montgomery.—The Town Library was established in March, 1895. It has 258 books, about forty having been added last year. Librarian, Mrs. B. H. Gilbert.

Montpelier.—*The Kellogg-Hubbard Library*, endowed by Martin M. Kellogg and Fanny M. Kellogg, his wife, of New York, was erected in 1894 by John E. Hubbard, who succeeded to their estates. The library was opened to the public Jan. 2, 1896, and since this time has been open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 1 to 9 P. M. The library is always well patronized, the busiest times being Saturday and Monday evenings. Teachers make excellent use of the books. They have special cards and are allowed to take out whatever books they need. The Union School building is so near that the scholars go to the library constantly for study, using the encyclopædias and reference books. The librarian is always ready to help them find what they want. The number of books is 6797. New books are added every few weeks, sometimes but very few at a time as this method helps to keep up interest in the library. Books added last year, 434. Circulation, 36,848. Librarian, Mary E. Macomber.

The Montpelier Public Library Association was organized March 16, 1885. Although this is an association of stockholders, and for a time a small fee was charged, the library of 6000 volumes and its reading room

are now entirely free to the public. By an arrangement with the Young Men's Christian Association in which "The Thomas W. Wood collection in the Gallery of Fine Arts," also shares, the library is provided with quarters free of charge in the building of the Association. No new books have been added of late and the library is now being cared for by volunteer service.

The Vermont State Library, in Montpelier, was established November 17, 1825. Since 1857 it has been under the management of a board of trustees. It is supported by the State and is for the use of citizens of the State for consultation. Legislators and State officers may take books from the library, and they are taken from the library for use in hearings before the Supreme Court, which holds its sessions in the same building. The library occupies the annex to the State House erected in 1885-6, the building having been constructed by virtue of an appropriation of \$36,000 by the legislature of 1884. It is open daily throughout the year from 8 A. M., to 5 P. M., and during session of the legislature from 8 A. M., till the close of legislative committee work in the evening. The librarian is Hiram A. Huse, who receives a salary of \$350 per annum, and the first assistant librarian is Thomas L. Wood, whose salary is \$1000 per annum. During the session of the legislature, a second assistant librarian is in attendance, who receives a per diem pay for his services. The trustees are three *ex-officio*, the Governor, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, and Secretary of State; three State trustees, E. J. Phelps, William P. Dillingham and Robert Roberts; and three resident trustees, *Joseph Poland, J. Edward Wright and George W. Wing. The trustees by legislative authority fill vacancies in the office of State and resident trustees. The library contains at present about 33,380 bound volumes, exclusive of duplicates. The State appropriation for the purchase of books is \$800 per year and such sum as is received from the sale of Vermont Law Reports (the printed decisions of the Supreme Court).

Moretown.—No library.

Morgan.—No library.

Morristown.—A free library was started in 1891 through the efforts of Mrs. P. K. Gleed and named the Morristown Centennial Library, the town celebrating its centennial that year. Mrs. Gleed had succeeded in raising among her friends and townspeople the sum of \$350 in amounts varying from \$1 to \$50, when she received from Mrs. H. O. Cushman of Boston the generous gift of \$1000 to swell the fund. An association was formed at once and books were bought for the library, \$400 being reserved for a permanent fund. Soon after this, through Mrs. Gleed's suggestion, the Mary Clark fund of \$200 was given by Mr. George W. Clark in memory of his wife. The interest of both funds is used for the purchase of books. The town votes \$125 each year for the rent and heating of the library rooms. It also pays the interest on \$1000 so long as the library exists. This measure was secured through the efforts of Mr. P. K. Gleed. Entertainments are given from time to time for the purchase of books. The services of the librarian are given and all the books are catalogued gratuitously. There is a reading room connected with the library, supplied

*Deceased.



TENNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NEWBURY.

with 20 periodicals. The library is open Tuesday and Saturday, day and evening. Number of volumes, 1800; added last year, 200; circulation for last year, 8500. Librarian, Frederick G. Fleetwood. Assistant, Mellic Slayton.

Mt. Holly.—No library.

Mt. Tabor.—No library.

Newark.—No free library. There is a small suscription library in the town, called the Ladies' Library.

Newfane.—No library.

Newbury.—The Tenney Memorial Library was first opened to the public June 12th, 1897. The building was erected and presented to the town by Miss Martha J. Tenney of Haverhill, Mass., in memory of her father, Col. Abner B. W. Tenney, who was a life-long resident of Newbury. It is Romanesque in style, built of red brick, with red sandstone trimmings. It contains a reading room and an art room, besides the regular book room in which there is shelving capacity for 10,000 volumes. The library has a fund, but as this is insufficient for its entire support, the town makes an annual appropriation to help defray expenses. Although the library has not yet completed the second year of its existence, the public has shown a remarkable interest in its welfare and many gifts of books have been received. Beginning with a loan of 1600 volumes from the Ladies' Library Association, the number of books has now increased to 2600 volumes. Every responsible person in town is entitled to a card which enables him to take one book at a time from the library free of charge. The library is open two afternoons and evenings of the week. The circulation last year was 6600 volumes. The reading room is also well patronized. One of the most encouraging features of the library is the number of children and young people who frequent it. Librarian, Frances M. Atkinson.

New Haven.—No library.

Newport.—In 1896 the *Newport Town Library* was organized, there being merged with it the Newport Library Association, which had been in existence since 1884. There are now 1253 books in the library, which circulated 7500 books last year. It is now kept in C. F. Ranney's store.

Before many months the library is expected to become a part of the *Goodrich Memorial Library*. Mr. Converse G. Goodrich at his death, in September, 1897, bequeathed his entire belongings, both real and personal, to three trustees, Elisha Lane, C. N. Brady and C. A. Prouty, for the purpose of building a suitable structure, creating an adequate library and endowing the same so that it might be absolutely free to the inhabitants of the town of Newport. The sum bequeathed is \$61,000; the building which is in the process of erection will cost \$20,000; books, \$6000; furnishings, \$3000. The location is on Main street at the intersection of Second street.

Northfield.—Northfield Free Public Library. Very soon after the enactment of the State library law, the question of a town library was discussed, not only by individuals but by the weekly newspaper. A favorable public sentiment was thus created so that at the March meeting

in 1895 the people were ready for action. After the subject had been presented and the provisions of the law clearly explained it was unanimously voted to accept the conditions, establish a town library, and ask for the State Aid offered. Five trustees were chosen, who began the work committed to them without delay, and were soon ready for books from the State Commissioners, which were promptly forwarded. It was their purpose from the first to place the Library on the best foundation possible with all the latest improvements in regard to the classification and cataloguing of books. In this they were favored by the timely aid of one of the State Commissioners, who rendered efficient service. Meanwhile the Northfield Library Association, which had been doing good work for a number of years, gave its books, some 1100 volumes, to the Town Library. The people were interested and ready to help without pecuniary reward. They felt that the library was to be their property and they had an individual responsibility in making it the most efficient possible. Time, money and labor were cheerfully given. At the March meeting in 1896 the town voted to give the library annually, all the "dog money" over \$550. It is worthy of note that every act of the town has thus far been unanimous. It is confidently expected that it will continue to be so, by making the library a felt necessity. It now has over 1500 volumes. The trustees give generously of their time and labor as demanded, encouraged by the hearty support of the citizens, who have never failed to respond promptly to all calls for aid. There is the beginning of a library of which they are not ashamed, and while it is steadily growing, they look for larger growth in the near future. The library now numbers 1489, 80 volumes having been added last year. Circulation last year, 4376. President of Trustees, Rev. W. S. Hazen. Librarian, Nellie Brown.

North Hero.—No library.

Norton.—No library.

Norwich.—The Norwich Public Library, organized in 1880, contains 2192 volumes. It is a subscription library, a fee of 75 cents per year being charged for the use of the books. It has also received some gifts from interested parties. At one time it owned a part of a large school building, which, however, has been destroyed by fire. It is hoped to raise sufficient funds to erect a library building soon. Chairman of Trustees, Sarah J. Burton. Librarian, M. J. Davis, whose services are given.

Orange.—The Orange Library was established under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894. It has received \$100 worth of books from the State, about 475 from the town of Medford, Mass., and 20 from individuals. It is supported by an appropriation from the town amounting to \$15 yearly. Librarian, Mrs. Myra F. Davis.

Orwell.—The Orwell Free Library was established in 1896 under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894. It receives the State Aid of \$100 worth of books, and is supported by an annual tax of \$50. The librarian, Mrs. Rodney D. Hall, serves without compensation.

Panton.—No library.

Pawlet.—No library.



NORTHFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.





WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING, PITTSFORD.

Peacham.—The Peacham Juvenile Library Society, organized in 1810, was started by the voluntary subscriptions of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens and other scholars of Caledonia County Grammar School. It has ever since been carried on by subscriptions and managed by an executive committee of five. Any one can become a life member of the association on being recommended by the executive committee and the payment of \$1. Quarterly dues of 15 cents from members and 25 cents from non-members entitle any one to the use of the library. Each one has the privilege of taking two books, retaining them a month, and any two periodicals, a week. The association has received bequests from Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, \$1000; David Choate, \$100; Mrs. Priscilla Jones, \$100; Mrs. Hazen Merrill and Miss Sarah M. Eastman, \$60; Benjamin Marsh, \$25; Mrs. Hazen Merrill, \$250. All running expenses are paid from the quarterly dues. The association was incorporated at its start and has always been operated under the charter received then. There are now 1749 books in the library, which is kept in a store in the center of the village, and 67 books were added last year. Librarian, Anna E. Renfrew.

Peru.—Peru Free Library is one of the libraries established in 1895, under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, providing for libraries. It has 200 volumes and the town supports it with a yearly tax of \$15. The librarian, Mrs. M. M. Whitney, serves gratuitously.

Pittsfield.—No library.

Pittsford.—The Maclure Library of Pittsford represents a hundred years of effort for mental improvement. A beginning was made when, on May 5, 1796, the "Librarian Society of Pittsford" was organized, and adopted a constitution. It started with seventy-nine members, who had subscribed \$89, and at its first annual meeting, Jan. 2, 1797, it possessed 115 volumes, a number much increased in subsequent years. Another and possibly a rival society, the "Pittsford Library Company," was organized April 12, 1832, with twenty-eight members. It soon owned 150 volumes, and had a more or less vigorous life for several years. In 1839 the "Maclure Library Association" was formed, absorbing what remained of the two previous organizations. It was incorporated under the laws of the State, and has continued its corporate existence without interruption to the present time. Hon. T. H. Palmer was largely instrumental in founding the Maclure Library. He was a native of Scotland, who, after living for several years in Philadelphia, settled in Pittsford in 1828. Greatly interested in everything relating to the intellectual advancement of the community, he desired to see a good public library started, and ventured to write to William Maclure, a retired merchant of Philadelphia, then living in the City of Mexico, stating the needs of the town and soliciting his aid. Mr. Maclure responded with the offer of \$400 if the townspeople would raise an equal amount. More than \$600 was promptly subscribed by the citizens, and the library was soon in operation. It was a fixed rule from the beginning, that all inhabitants of the town should have equal rights to the use of the library on the same terms, which was a fee of fifty cents for a yearly subscription. For a number of years after the

civil war the library was little used, although the organization was kept up. But in January, 1888, the Nickwackett Book Club, composed of ladies in the village, offered a gift of about sixty volumes to the association if the library could be reopened. The gift was accepted, new officers were chosen and measures were taken to raise funds. Senator Redfield Proctor gave \$400 and the town added \$100. For a time Hon. C. S. Colburn paid the annual fees for the school children of the town, thus awakening a more general interest in the library. These and other gifts made a steady growth possible, and more commodious accommodations soon became a necessity. In 1895 Henry F. Walker, M. D., of New York, presented to the association a beautiful and costly building, to be known as the Walker Memorial Building, in memory of his brother, the late Hon. Stephen A. Walker of New York. For two years past the town has paid the fees of all school children, and the present year it pays the entire running expenses on condition that the library be made free to all the inhabitants of the town. Membership in the corporation is gained by the payment of \$5 and a majority vote of the members present. Members have a right to vote in all business meetings of the corporation but have no special privileges in regard to the use of the books. The property of the corporation is under the control of a board of seven directors chosen at the annual meeting who also have entire charge of the use and management of the library. Librarian, Bertha M. Shaw.

Plainfield.—No library.

Plymouth.—No library.

Pomfret.—Pomfret Public Library organized March, 1896, under provisions of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, contains 511 volumes and is supported by an annual tax of \$25. Librarian, Clara M. Thacher.

Poultney.—The Poultney Public Library was established in March, 1895, when the town voted a tax of eight per cent on the grand list for the purchase and support of a library. A board of library trustees was chosen at the same time, and in due course \$100 worth of books was received from the State. The usefulness of the library was at first questioned by some, but after three years' existence it is no longer to be regarded as an experiment. It contains 1684 volumes, loaning on an average forty books a day. The appropriation from the town for 1898 was \$600. Librarian, Addie Kilborn.

Pownal.—No library.

Proctor.—In May, 1881, a mass meeting was called to organize the Proctor Library Association. The record shows seven names as the first members of the association and they were elected the first board of trustees with the management of the library property. The first books, about 1500 volumes, were given by Senator Proctor and a room was provided for library use in what was then the marble finishing shop. The books remained there a year or two and were moved into better quarters in the new store building. In 1891, after the annual meeting for the election of trustees, a committee was elected to arrange a Fourth of July celebration, the object of which was to raise money for running expenses and to buy



PROCTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY, PROCTOR.

new books. Before this time money had been raised by some form of entertainment but since then the sports of July Fourth have been the principal means of revenue. Senator Proctor has made the library a standing offer to duplicate any amount that is set aside for the purchase of new books, on which offer he has been repeatedly called to respond. The same year, 1891, arrangements were made to move into the present quarters which is a fire proof building in the centre of the village. The lower floor is given up to a reading room of periodicals and a museum of Samoan and South American curiosities secured by Senator Proctor, a fine collection of geological specimens and a collection of sea shells made and presented by Rev. P. J. Long. The upper floor is given up entirely to books though the walls are decorated with pictures and several Vermont flags of the Civil War. The trustees are elected in May each year and consist of eleven persons elected by the members of the library association from among their number. A member of the library association is any person entitled to draw books. Any resident paying 25 cents a quarter for a card is entitled to all the privileges of the library, but the reading room is open to all persons without charge. The trustees elect their own president, secretary and treasurer from their own number. The president appoints a librarian and has charge of the library property under the direction of the trustees. The present quarters are furnished, heated and lighted by the Vermont Marble Co., free of charge. The library now numbers 4500 volumes, a proportion of which are in the Swedish language. Librarian, Nellie M. Glasson.

Putney.—The Putney Public Library consisting of 666 volumes was established in 1896. The town appropriates \$100 annually, has received a grant of \$100 worth of books from the State, and has also secured two small libraries that were in town. Librarian, Mark Ward.

Randolph.—The Randolph Public Library was established according to the vote of the town in 1896. During the first year of its existence the library received 573 volumes contributed from the following sources: Contributed by the State, 134; purchased with money from the town and other sources, 166; from the King's Daughters, 79; from the Randolph Book Club, 38; gifts from interested persons, 156; total, 573 volumes. At the present writing (May, 1898) the library contains 840 volumes. It is supported by the annual appropriation of the town and the proceeds of entertainments. Librarian, Maud E. Blanchard.

Reading.—The Reading Free Library was established by a vote of the town in 1897. It contains 1006 volumes, having received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. It is supported by an appropriation from the town of \$25 yearly. Librarian, Minnie C. Fay.

Readsboro.—No library.

Richford.—The Arvin A. Brown Public Library was established in February, 1896. It receives \$500 annually from an endowment fund provided by Mr. Arvin A. Brown and now contains 930 volumes. It is controlled by trustees chosen by the village, whose term of office is not limited. The hours of opening are Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Teachers are not limited as to the number of books taken

for use in school and not subject to time limit on such books. Circulation last year, 2942. Librarian, John F. Calkins.

Richmond.—About ten years ago the Richmond Free Library was established in accordance with the will of Jonas F. Barber. By this document the selectmen of the town were appointed as trustees and an endowment of \$1387 was made, the interest to be expended in the purchase of books. The town provides a room for the library and pays the salary of the librarian. There are now 881 books in the library, 177 having been purchased within the last year. The library is open Saturday afternoons and evenings. Librarian, Anna Norton.

Ripton.—A free library was organized in 1895 with the help of \$100 worth of books from the State.

Rochester.—A great many years ago several men wishing to establish a library started one by shares, some holding twenty, some ten, five, three, two or one share. Each share was valued at \$10. After several years shares became as cheap as \$3 and the library had 25 cents per year dues from each share. This was so small that instead of enlarging the library it grew smaller, for as the books wore out there was no money to replace them or purchase new. In 1895 the shareholders voted to turn the books over to the town for a free library. The town then complied with the requirements of the act of 1894 relating to libraries, appropriated \$50 for the maintenance of the library, received \$100 worth of books from the State and was established as the Rochester Free Library. Librarian, Jessie M. Morgan.

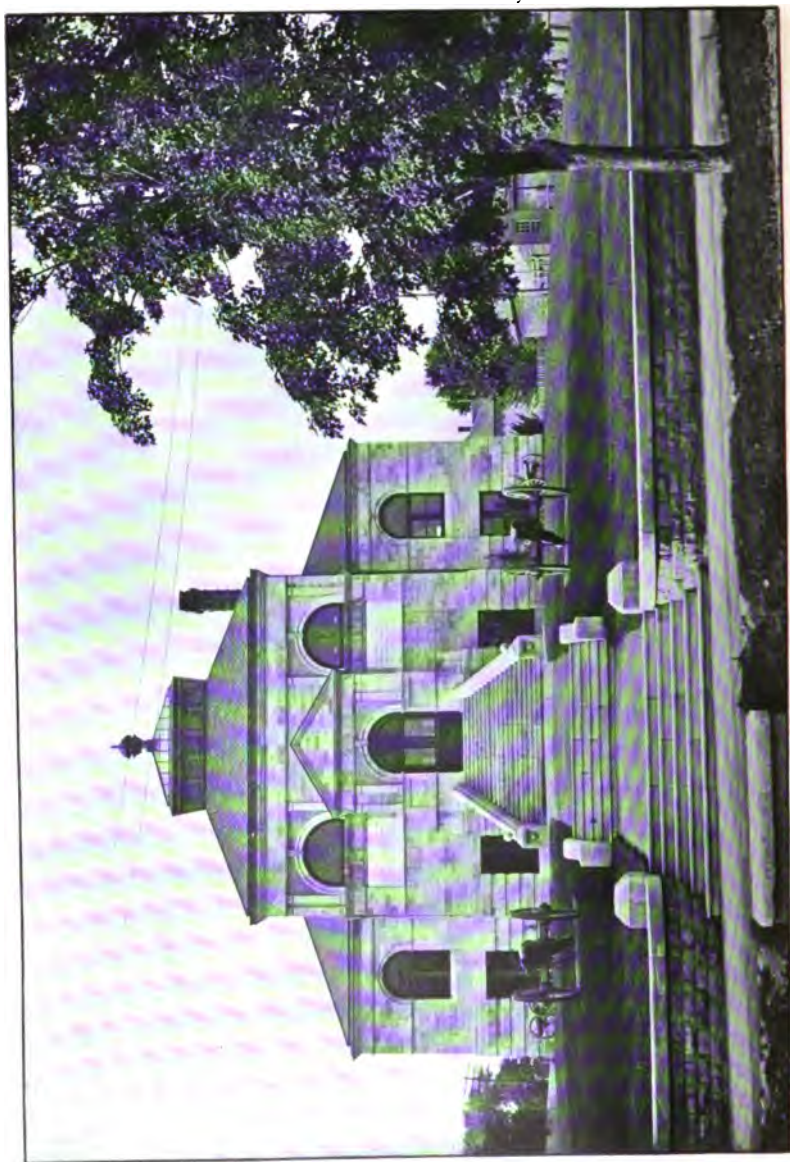
Rockingham.—The Rockingham Free Public Library at Bellows Falls was established in 1888, when the citizens of the town raised \$3000, which was given to the town on condition that they should support a free library ten years. This the town has done by an annual appropriation of \$800 or \$900. The library contains 6759 volumes and is rapidly outgrowing its quarters, being much in need of a good library building. Librarian, Mrs. E. J. Plantier.

Roxbury.—No library.

Royalton.—The Royalton Town Free Library was established in 1896. The town voted to establish a free public library and appropriated \$25. The State then gave \$100 worth of books. One individual gave 175 books and numbers were obtained from other sources. The Congregational Sunday School loaned 100 and the South Royalton Graded School loaned its library, consisting of 300 volumes. Among other gifts received is the Century Dictionary given by Mrs. Billings of Woodstock. The library contains 800 volumes. The town appropriates \$25 yearly for its support. Librarian, Seymour Culver.

Rupert.—No library.

Rutland.—The Rutland Free Library was organized in 1886, by an association of sixty of the women of Rutland, with Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr as its president. It was opened to the public in July of that year, in an upstairs room on Merchants Row, the business street of the town, and had upon its shelves at that time 3234 volumes. The circulation for that year



MEMORIAL HALL, NUTLAND FREE LIBRARY.

was 20,283 volumes. At the March meeting, in 1887, the town adopted it by voting a tax sufficient for its support. In 1889 the library was moved into its present quarters, in Memorial Hall, the use of a part of that building having been granted by a vote of the town. It is almost purely a working library, having a substantial list of reference books and a well selected collection on general topics of interest. There are also two reading rooms supplied with sixty-three periodicals. At the present time it numbers 11,000 volumes and has an annual circulation of 63,000. Its affairs are still managed by an association of women, who elect each year an executive committee. In 1889, Miss Julia P. Humphrey, the first librarian, tendered her resignation and her place was filled by the election of Miss Mary L. Titcomb, who still holds the position. Until 1897 the funds for the support of the library were supplied by an annual appropriation from the city. In 1897 the usual appropriation voted by the Board of Aldermen, was vetoed by the Mayor on the ground that the city could not legally appropriate money for an institution owned and controlled by a private corporation, although maintained solely for the benefit of the public. The Board of Aldermen then recommended a certain sum for the support of the library for 1898, on condition that it could be made legal for the city to do it. This was accomplished at the extra session of the legislature convened May 5, by the passage of the following bill: "The city of Rutland by its Board of Aldermen is hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate a sum not exceeding three per cent of its grand list, annually, for the support and maintenance of the Rutland Free Library, provided that the inhabitants of said city of Rutland, shall at all reasonable and proper times have the free use of said library. This Act shall take effect from its passage and all appropriations heretofore voted and payments made to the said library, are hereby declared legal and valid." Having thus complied with the conditions imposed, the executive committee of the library, then made a formal application for the appropriation which had been recommended. Pending the action of the City Council in the matter a sufficient sum of money was loaned the library to enable the officers to keep it open for the use of the public. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Monday, September 20, the following resolution was passed: "*Resolved*, That a warrant be drawn to the order of the Rutland Free Library for the sum of \$2400, the amount appropriated by resolution adopted February 21, 1898."

The H. H. Baxter Memorial Library, erected in memory of Henry Horace Baxter, by his widow, Mary E. Baxter, and his son, Hugh Henry Baxter, was built as a perpetual memorial to a man distinguished in benevolence—prominent in public spirit—who was, during the war, appointed adjutant-general of the State of Vermont. There are two spacious, well-lighted reading rooms, on the east and west ends, opening from a large central room, munificently furnished with carved oaken furniture and carpeted with Persian rugs. The woodwork is in carved quartered oak of fine workmanship; the wide open fire-place showing the fine polished marbles set with Mexican onyx; every accessory corresponding in elegance and finished detail. In both reading rooms are cabinets containing valuable art

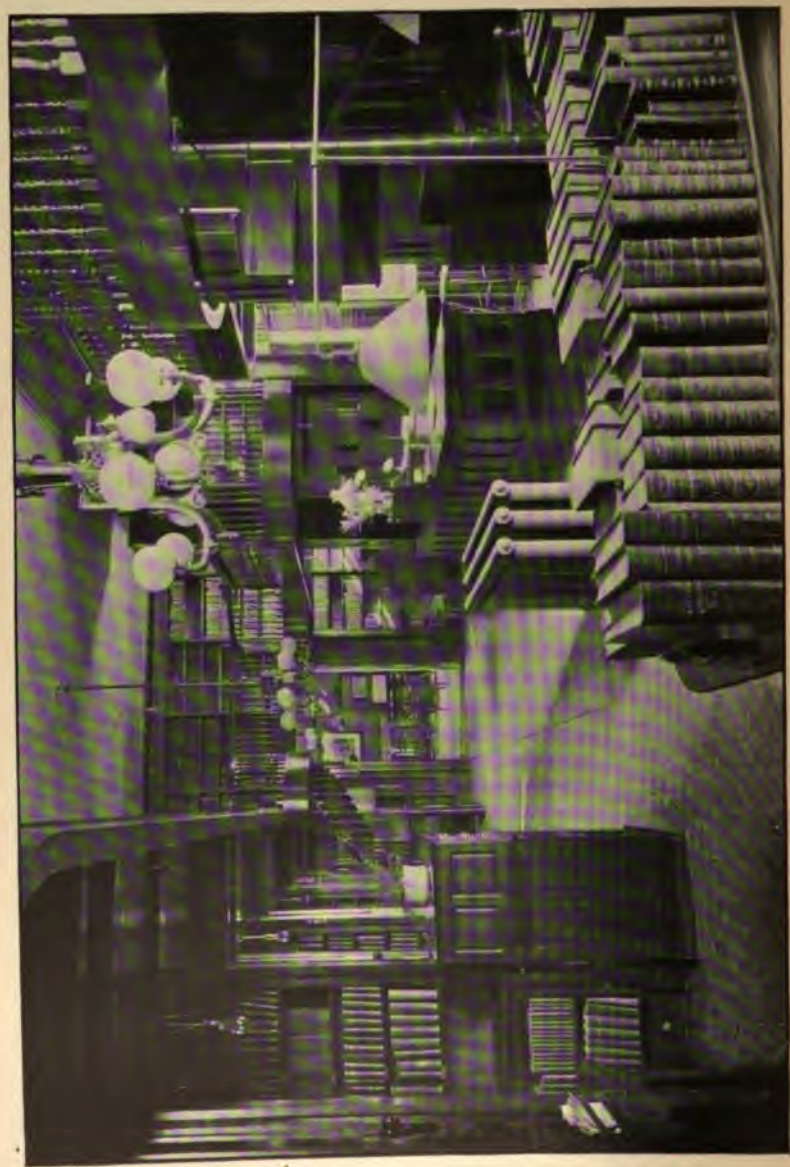
works, from the earliest Italian, to the latest French school, chief of which are "*The National Gallery*," "*The Turner Gallery*," "*The Rembrandt Gallery*," "*Holbein's Court of Henry the Eighth*," "*Albert Durer's Grand Passion*," etc.; also photographs, from the old masters, inclusive of best examples of early medieval and modern art. Hundreds of volumes bound in full calf, crushed morocco, parchment and vellum, resplendent in gold and tooling. Several Aldines and Elzevirs, such as are kept under glass in great libraries, are to be seen in the alcoves, generously open to the public,—of course, to be handled with respect and care. One of the earliest of the Venetian Press is "*Cicero's Epistolæ ad Familiares cum Hubertine clerics Comments*," printed in 1483. The library is especially full in poetry and English literature. The books relating to America are chiefly biographical. In Biblical and Church literature is Pius the Sixth's Bible, bearing his coat of arms and crest, stamped in gold on vellum, the Barker Bible, the Coverly, etc. Nearly all the editions are from London and Edinburgh, only the best specimens of American binding being represented. A liberal education in the history of engraving, costume, caricature, and printing, is within reach of the enquirer, and it is safe to say that there is no collection of equal quality or rarity to be found outside the limits of the largest cities. Librarian, Mrs. E. C. Riker.

Ryegate.—The Ryegate Public Library started with 300 books from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Library in 1895. The same year it received aid from the State, the town having taken the necessary steps. There is a branch at South Ryegate. The State books were divided with the branch, also the money appropriated by the town. The books are exchanged from time to time between the two libraries. About \$25 worth of books have been given by different individuals. Town appropriation March, '98, \$100. Books added last year, 50. Library hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P. M. Librarian, Mary S. Beattie.

St. Albans.—The St. Albans Free Public Library was originally established about 1860. The old library of over 4000 volumes was entirely destroyed by fire May 19, 1895. Since then a new library has been purchased and was opened in the new City Hall in March, 1897. It already numbers 3058 volumes, and last year circulated 29,124. The hours are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M. every day. It is supported by the city and receives \$50 yearly from a fund left it by Luther B. Hunt. President of Trustees, D. D. Ranlet. Librarian, Harriet L. Brown.

St. George.—No library.

St. Johnsbury.—The St. Johnsbury Athenæum, containing a library, reading rooms, art gallery and lecture hall was founded and endowed by Horace Fairbanks and presented to the town Nov. 27, 1875. In 1892 the Isabel Fairbanks Farwell Memorial fund of \$5000 was given by Mrs. Fairbanks in memory of her daughter. The income of this fund is restricted to the purchase of books. There are now 15,073 books in the library which are free to all within the town limits. Two books are loaned at a time on each card. Of these only one may be fiction. The special feature of growth within the last few years is the constantly



ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENÆUM, BOOK ROOM.

increasing use of the library by children. There is no age limit, though each child is expected to be able to write his name before owning a card. Free access to the shelves is allowed, of which the people avail themselves with no appreciable disarrangement of order. The circulation in 1897 was 30,434. The library is open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. each week day, and Tuesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. Librarian, Louise L. Bartlett. Assistants, Mrs. Ella S. Truax and Martha J. Hall.

Salisbury.—No library.

Sandgate.—No library.

Searsburg.—No library.

Shaftsbury.—South Shaftsbury Library Association was organized in 1875, by a few men who felt the need of a library. The second year the women of the village raised \$100. Charter members paid \$3, afterwards \$1 per year. By persistent energy the library has been kept alive but is in need of funds. Mrs. Sarah Mirfield serves as librarian with no compensation.

Sharon.—The Sharon Public Library was established in 1895, by the provisions of No. 37, of the Acts of 1894. The State furnished \$100 worth of books, the books belonging to an old parish library were turned over to the town and some gifts were received from citizens. The town appropriates \$25 annually for its support and in 1897 a check for \$50 was received from Mr. John S. Shepard, a former resident of the place. The library contains 956 volumes. C. R. Adams, Librarian.

Sheffield.—No library.

Shelburne.—Shelburne Free Library was opened in December, 1895, the town having voted to receive State Aid. It now has 542 volumes and circulated 1427 last year. Practical interest in the library has been shown by Mrs. W. S. Webb, Mr. F. M. Barstow and Hon. J. L. Barstow, who have made generous donations. Chairman of Trustees, Mary A. Quinlan. Librarian, Mrs. M. A. Hurley. The library is open all week days from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., 5 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.

Sheldon.—The Sheldon Free Public Library was founded in the year 1895, when the State gave the town 119 volumes. The library was placed in the Town Clerk's office and he was appointed librarian. It remained there until March, 1897. Then Miss Julia Trudeau was appointed librarian and the library was moved to her home where it still remains. The books are carefully cared for, each one being added to the accession catalogue as it is bought. Between January, 1897, and January, 1898, 650 books were loaned. There are 249 books in the library, 74 being added last year. Library open from 2 to 9 P. M., every Wednesday and Saturday. Assistant Librarian, Eva C. Marvin.

Sherburne.—No library.

Shoreham.—The town voted in March, 1898, to start a free public library and has taken the necessary steps to secure State Aid. One hundred dollars' worth of books are expected soon. The five trustees elected by the town are: W. N. Platt, W. T. Delano, D. F. Macauley, J. J. Maginily,

C. W. Howard. Librarian, Marcia A. Douglas, who is to give her services to the library.

Shrewsbury.—No library.

Somerset.—No library.

South Burlington.—No library.

South Hero.—The South Hero Public Library originated over thirty years ago. The young people of South Hero had a series of entertainments which brought them in quite a little sum of money with which they bought books. A society was formed and the South Hero Library Association was established, with a library of about fifty books. A few volumes were added from time to time until there were ninety volumes. At the town meeting in March, 1895, South Hero voted to accept the offer made by the State to help the towns start free libraries. The Association agreed to loan their books to the town, which with the \$100 worth from the State gave a start of about 200 volumes. In 1895 the town gave \$25, in 1896 \$15, in 1897 \$15, all of which amounts have been expended for books. A few have been given and the number is now 307. The librarian kindly furnishes a room and cares for the books without any compensation. The people are interested and the books are well read. It is hoped that sometime there will be a library building and money with which to pay the librarian. The library is open Saturdays from 1 to 8 p. m. Secretary of Trustees, Mrs. Henry W. Couro. Librarian, Mrs. Julia D. Hall.

Springfield.—The Springfield Circulating Library, founded in 1819, the Society Library of the Springfield Wesleyan Seminary and the Farmer's Library gave their books and all their property to the town library when it was established in 1871, under the name of the Springfield Town Library. There is an endowment consisting of one-half the proceeds of the sale of the old Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building which yields an income of \$155 annually. The town also appropriates \$250 yearly. The books are housed in a building erected with money left by the will of H. H. Spafford for that purpose. There are 6500 in the library. Librarian, Mattie Goodnough.

Stamford.—Stamford Public Library was established in 1894. It has received \$100 worth of books from the State and owns in all, 242 volumes. The town appropriates \$15 annually for its support. The librarian, Iva L. Sanford, serves without compensation.

Stannard.—No library.

Starksboro.—No library.

Stockbridge.—In 1896 the *Stockbridge Free Library* was established with aid from the State. It now numbers 219 books and circulated about 500 books last year. Librarian, J. A. Chedel.

Belcher Library.—William C. Belcher in the year 1897 bequeathed his private library valued at \$4000, for a library to be formed in the village of Gaysville, Vt. He also bequeathed \$1000 to be put at interest, the income only, to be used in the purchase of books. The town of Stockbridge gives \$75 per year in addition to the \$25 given to the town library established by State Aid with the conditions that the two libraries shall be united in



TOWN BUILDING CONTAINING STAMFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.



the caring for and the renting of books and that both be free to the public. There are 1940 books in the library at present, 200 having been added last year, and the circulation was 2502. Teachers and school children avail themselves with especial profit of the privileges of the library, which is open during the business hours of each day. Librarian, F. E. Steele. The librarians of both libraries serve gratuitously.

Stowe.—The library was established by the town in 1866 and has been supported by appropriations made by the town at its annual meetings and by gifts from its friends. It now has 1700 books. It has always been a free library and has been very fortunate in having for its trustees those who were wise and discerning in the choice of books and had the good of the town at heart. They are appointed by the town for five years. The library is open all the time during business hours. Teachers are allowed books for school use and no limit is placed on time when so needed. School children can consult the library at any time. Last year 2494 books were issued and 63 added to the library. Librarian, Mrs. M. A. Jenney.

Strafford.—The Harris Library established in 1850, has a fund of \$1050, raised by the contributions of natives of the town. In 1855 Hon. J. H. Harris gave \$5000 for the purchase of books. Hon. J. S. Morrill has given the town a building for the use of the library. The rent of the hall in this building yields an annual income which is devoted to the maintenance of the library. It contains 4400 volumes. Librarian, Marian C. Hatch.

Stratton.—No library.

Sudbury.—No library.

Sunderland.—The Sunderland Town Library was established by a vote of the town in 1896. It numbers 130 volumes, having received as a nucleus the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Seventeen volumes were added during 1897. The annual tax amounts to \$15. The books are divided and kept in two places, one at the north and the other at the south end of the town. Librarians, J. M. Gregory and H. S. Burt.

Sutton.—In April, 1896, the Sutton Free Library was opened to the public with Mrs. L. B. Wilson as librarian and has ever since been kept in a room in her house. The library started with 126 books given by the State. There was in town a library called the Citizens' Library, of 118 books which were donated to the Free Library. In 1897, 53 books were given by a young people's club. The money was raised by entertainments. The same year 13 books were given by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and several books have been given by individuals, making 449 in all. The library is open Saturdays from 2 to 8 P. M. Librarian, Mrs. L. B. Wilson.

Swanton.—No library.

Thetford.—In 1877 Mrs. Azubah Latham Barney gave the sum of \$5000 for the founding of the *Latham Memorial Library*. A building was erected costing \$1500, \$1000 being taken from the fund and \$500 raised by private subscription. The library contains 1800 volumes and is

supported by the income derived from the fund. It is a free library. Librarian, Jane S. Worcester.

The Peabody Library is located at Post Mills Village in this town. It was established in 1868, Mr. George Peabody having given \$2000 for its maintenance and \$500 has since been added to the endowment. It contains 5000 volumes. Librarian, Harry Dodge.

Tinmouth.—No library.

Topsham.—No library.

Townshend.—No library.

Troy.—No library.

Tunbridge.—No library.

Underhill.—No library.

Vergennes.—The Vergennes Library was founded by Miss Susan B. Strong, she leaving by will the sum of \$900 at the decease of a colored servant to the city of Vergennes on condition that by public tax or private subscription they would raise an equal amount to meet the legacy. The Ladies' Library Association having been at work for the same object, when the legacy became due paid the sum in their treasury, \$476.06, to Mr. Wm. R. Bixby of the Library committee to pay over to the city, the latter raising the balance of the fund to secure the legacy. The city assuming the expenses of establishing said public library, it was first opened to the reading public June 1, 1876, with 621 volumes on its shelves. Its present number, including reference books, is 3000 volumes. We have received but few donations of books, or for books. Miss Caroline Sutton gave us \$150, and at her decease left us \$500. The Hon. Edward Seymour left us \$100. Our financial ability being small, the funds have been most judiciously managed and expended by Mr. Charles E. Parker, who for the twenty-two years of its history has been standing committee man with the exception of one year, whatever other changes have taken place on that committee. Librarian, Mary P. Tucker.

Vernon.—No library.

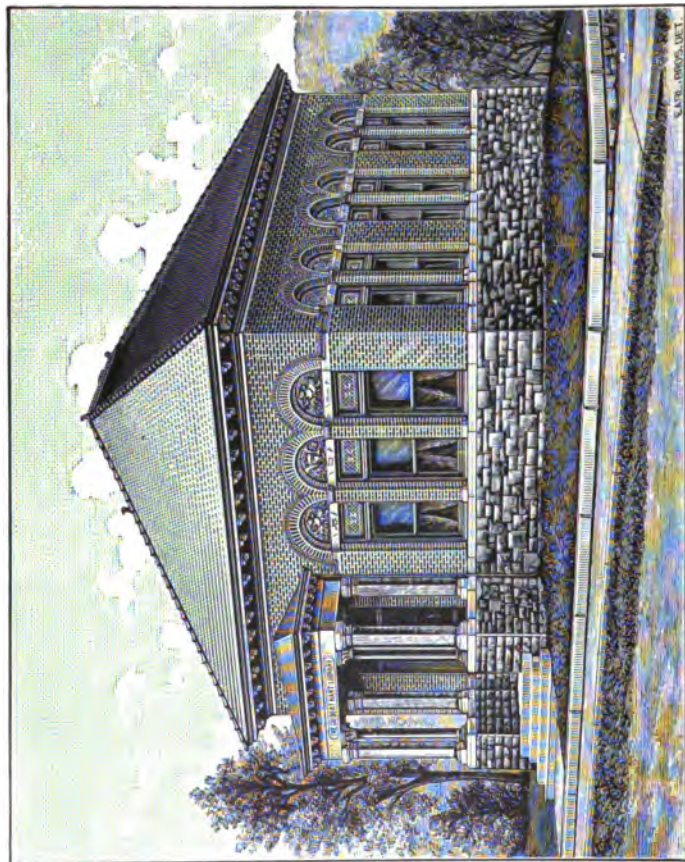
Vershire.—The Colton Library was established at Vershire in 1895. It is supported by an annual appropriation from the town of \$15. In 1895 it received \$100 worth of books from the State. It now numbers 150 volumes. Librarian, F. D. Richardson.

Victory.—The town voted in March, 1896 to appropriate \$15 for the maintenance of a public library. As only three trustees were elected nothing more could be done until March, 1897, when the five trustees required by law were elected. These organized and applied to the State for books and 108 books were received and ready for circulation, Sept. 3, 1897. Librarian, S. E. Boyce.

Waitsfield.—No library.

Walden.—The town of Walden voted at its annual meeting in March, 1895, to appropriate the amount required by law, \$25, and to apply for State Aid to start a library. Toward the end of the same year 121 books were received from the State Library Commission, and the Walden Free Public Library was opened. The first year's appropriation was saved till





GILBERT HART LIBRARY, WALLINGFORD.

the second could be added to it. The whole with some small sums subscribed by friends of the enterprise amounted to about \$70, which was expended for 118 books. Twenty-eight books had been given and fourteen loaned, mostly books not new. A catalogue of the 281 books was made by the librarian, arranged alphabetically by authors' names, a letter showing to which of the following ten classes each book belonged: A—Agriculture, rural, etc.; B—Biography, autobiography and memoirs; C—Children's books; F—Fiction; H—History; L—Literature, poetry, essays, etc.; R—Religion; S—Science; T—Travels, voyages and geography; M—Miscellaneous. The sum from the town treasury for 1897 was used to defray expenses of making and printing the catalogue. The appropriation for 1898 is not expended. Walden is a town with a population of less than 800, almost entirely of an agricultural character and widely scattered. The town has no village of importance and no center of population or business. The location of the library was a problem to the trustees and it was finally left at the Town Clerk's office, which is in a farmhouse with no neighbor within a quarter of a mile and not more than four families within a radius of half a mile. Last year 421 books were loaned. The library is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. Librarian, George T. Eastman.

Wallingford.—The Gilbert Hart Library. Situated on the southwest corner of the square formed by the four principal streets of Wallingford Village centering at that point, stands the Gilbert Hart Library, a beautiful and attractive building constructed of a combination of rock-faced blue marble and terra cotta buff brick, erected by Capt. Gilbert Hart of Detroit, Mich., a native of Wallingford, and donated by him as a library building for the use of all the inhabitants of the town. The library building and property is under the immediate control of the Gilbert Hart Library Association, a corporation formed for the purpose of assuming charge of the property and managing the affairs of the library. Upon one of the walls of the reading room of the library is a bronze tablet upon which is inscribed the names of the soldiers Wallingford contributed to the Civil War, and the regiment in which each soldier served, forming a suitable and deserving memorial. The library was dedicated on July 25, 1894, by appropriate and interesting exercises, and on August 1, 1894, books commenced to be issued. There had previously been in existence in the village for a number of years a circulating library organization, which had accumulated about 1000 volumes, and upon the formation of the Gilbert Hart Library Association, the old association disbanded and turned over its books to the new organization. These books, with 1000 volumes donated by Capt. Hart, made practically 2000 volumes upon the shelves when the library was opened. Additions have been made from time to time so that the number of bound volumes now is nearly 2500. The yearly circulation averages nearly 9000 volumes. There is a commodious and pleasant reading room which is well supplied with the leading newspapers and magazines of the day. Librarian, May L. Congdon.

Waltham.—No library.

Wardsboro.—No library.

Warren.—No library.

Washington.—The Washington Town Library was opened in 1896, after being organized according to the State Aid law of 1894 and receiving \$100 worth of books through the State Library Commission. It is open every week day from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. and last year its circulation was 500. Number of books in the library, 103. Librarian, C. H. Johannessen.

Waterbury.—The library is not free but is owned by the Waterbury Public Library Association. It is supported by annual dues of members, book rents, etc., assisted by occasional entertainments and subscriptions. Teachers however are given free use of the library for school work. It is open Saturdays from 4 to 6 P. M. Number of books, 1584. Circulation last year, 1650. The trustees are elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders held in July of each year. Librarian, Jasmine A. Straw.

Waterford.—The Waterford Free Library was started in 1896 with the assistance of the State. On account of the wide reach of the town and its different communities the library has been divided into four different parts and located in as many different places. By this division all parts of the town are reached and the libraries are well patronized. Saturdays are the library days. Librarian, E. W. Brown.

Waterville.—The town voted in March, 1895, to organize a free public library and took the necessary steps to receive State Aid. During the same year \$100 worth of books were received from the State Library Commission.

Weathersfield.—No library.

Wells.—No library.

West Fairlee.—No library.

Westfield.—The Westfield Public Library was established in March, 1896, with aid from the State. It now owns 159 books, 17 being added last year. It is in good condition, well circulated, and maintained by \$15 paid each year by the town and by entertainments gotten up for its benefit. It is open Saturday afternoons. Librarian, Mrs. E. M. Brown.

Westford.—The first step toward organizing a public library in Westford was taken in the March meeting, 1895, when it was voted to accept the provisions of the Act of the State legislature in regard to free public libraries, and a board of trustees was elected. In the summer of 1895 the town hall was remodeled and a room in the basement was fitted up for the use of the library. The books furnished by the State, 117 volumes, were received in the latter part of November, and as soon as the necessary work could be finished the library was opened to the public. In January, 1896, an entertainment was given for the library which netted \$58.02. In 1897 a similar entertainment brought \$30.18. These amounts with the annual appropriation of \$25 from the town and \$15 donated by School No. 3, have been expended in purchasing books. No money has been paid out for care of the library, all necessary work having been done gratuitously by the trustees and persons interested. At present there are 390 volumes in the library consisting mainly of standard fiction, biography,



WESTFORD FREE LIBRARY.



WESTMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

travel, science and books of reference. From March 1, 1897, to January 15, 1898, 2513 volumes were loaned. This number does not include books loaned to schools, the trustees having given the teachers the privilege of taking as many books as desired for school work. Librarians, John E. Allen and L. C. Nichols.

West Haven.—No library.

Westminster.—No library.

Westmore.—In 1896 the Westmore Public Library was established at the lower end of Willoughby Lake. The town appropriated \$15, which was used to provide a book case, cards, etc., with which to care for the State gift of \$100 worth of books. In 1897, besides the annual \$15 from the town, \$24 was raised by school entertainments and gifts from summer guests. This has been spent for books. The library meets with encouragement and aid from all the city people that visit the lake. It is succeeding beyond expectation with the people of the town, as many of them live on farms and have to travel a long distance after their books. There are at present 38 resident borrowers, 786 books were loaned last year and 34 new ones added. Within a few weeks 57 volumes have been presented by Mr. Skinner of New York, making a total of 307. They are kept at the house of Mrs. Mary E. Lyon, who serves as librarian without compensation. The library is open every day and at all hours.

Weston.—Weston Free Library was established March, 1898, by a vote of the town to accept the offer of the State and appropriate \$25. The Weston Library Association also voted to loan their books, nearly 400, to the town library, as long as properly cared for. A reading room will be maintained with the library, by subscription or proceeds of entertainments. The fund for it on hand is over \$22. The trustees hope to make the library so popular that the town will increase the appropriation. Librarian, G. H. Coburn.

West Rutland.—The West Rutland Library, established in 1881 by a gift of 800 volumes from Hon. Redfield Proctor, numbers now about 1200 volumes. It is supported by the town but is managed by an association. Librarian, Anna H. Spencer.

West Windsor.—The West Windsor Free Public Library was opened in 1895, having received the \$100 gift of books from the State. Last year 27 volumes were added and the 160 books in the library had a circulation of 300. Librarian, C. S. Worcester.

Weybridge.—No library.

Wheelock.—In March, 1897, the town voted to establish a free public library and in September received 112 books from the State. There is another library in town called the Wheelock Library Association. They own about 350 books which they have loaned to the Free Library and undoubtedly will sooner or later donate them. Circulation for last year, 420. Librarian, Rev. E. J. Hatch.

Whiting.—No library.

Whitingham.—No library.

Wilder.—See Hartford.

Williamstown.—The Williamstown Social Library was organized nearly one hundred years ago and has held regular meetings quarterly ever since, except one quarterly meeting which had to be omitted on account of a severe storm. There are about eighty shareholders, and each may draw as many books as he wishes each quarter. The reading of books is sold at auction, three cents being the minimum price for any book. The officers receive no pay for their services and the money received all goes to buy new books once a year, except a small sum paid for insurance on the books. The library consists of something like 2500 volumes and from 200 to 300 books are loaned each quarter. The Articles of Agreement, which are the basis of the library, were signed on the 22d day of January, 1801. The original signatures are lost, but in the record of the "quarterly meeting holden by the library society in Williamstown March 12th, 1804," I find the following, which I quote literally: "First, voted to accept of the Book purchased by the Clerk for Records and pay him two dollars and thirty-six Cents for said Book out of the publick stock. Second, voted to transfer the records into the Book purchased for that purpose. Third, voted to give Jared Kimball one dollar and fifty cents to transfer the records into Book bought for that purpose which money is to be paid out of the publick stock. Attest, Jared Kimball, S. Clerk." The "Book" referred to above and into which the names as first written were copied by the first clerk, Jared Kimball, is an 8x13 inch unruled volume, bound in rough leather, and is not only in existence but is still used each quarter to record the proceedings of the meetings. Our constitution, Articles of Agreement, has been revised and some new rules adopted, but in general, the society is the same as when organized in 1801. For more than fifty years, meetings were held at the houses of members or at some convenient hall in the village, but in 1854 rooms were plainly fitted up in the town house for the library, and there have the meetings since been held. In the early days of the library a chest was the place of keeping for the books not drawn, and this chest could be moved about as the place of holding meetings was changed to suit the convenience of the shareholders. Librarian, George E. Wilber.

Williston.—No library.

Wilmington.—The Wilmington Free Library was established in 1895, under the Act of 1894. It contains 500 volumes and is maintained by an annual appropriation from the town of \$50 and by private subscriptions. Librarian, May Farrow.

Windham.—The Windham Library was established in 1895 under the Act of 1894. The State furnished 102 books, the Grange nineteen. The library is maintained by an annual appropriation of \$15 from the town and by the proceeds of entertainments. Librarian, Mrs. M. M. Lamson.

Windsor.—The Windsor Library Association opened its doors for readers June 23, 1883. It consists of 8459 volumes, housed in the former residence of Hon. Hiram Harlow, a brick building which was given to the Association by the will of Mrs. Harlow. The library is endowed by bequests from the Hon. Hiram Harlow and his wife. The estimated value of the property received under these wills is about \$9006 or \$10,000, but



NORMAN WILLIAMS LIBRARY, WOODSTOCK.

a considerable part of it is at present unproductive. The library also receives an appropriation from the town of about \$400 annually. The establishment and success of the library has been largely due to the active interest and assistance of the Hon. Wm. M. Evarts and C. C. Beaman, Esq. Mr. Beaman gives books selected by the resident clergymen in Windsor to the value of about \$50 annually. Librarian, Rev. Edward N. Goddard.

Winhall.—No library.

Wolcott.—No library.

Woodbury.—Woodbury Public Library was established in 1895 with aid from the State. Number of books at present, 229. Added last year, 62. Circulation for the year, 755. Librarian, B. H. Daniels.

Woodford.—No library.

Woodstock.—The Norman Williams Public Library at Woodstock, was erected in 1883-4, and endowed as a perpetual memorial of his father and mother by Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia, and named in honor of them. The principal building materials employed are native to the State of Vermont; the walls are red Burlington stone, trimmings are gray Barre granite and gray Isle La Motte limestone. The plan of the building is simple, the general outline being T shaped, with entrance in center of the head of the letter, through an arcade which encloses a recessed porch. This porch has walls of finely cut Isle La Motte stone, marbled-tiled floor, and a heavily panelled wooden ceiling. The reading room is 18x27, and 13½ feet high; reference room and librarian's office each 18x13½, and same height as reading room; book room 54½x24½, walls of this room lined to the height of eight feet with variegated Vermont marbles polished. All the interior work is Georgia pine, finished to show its natural warm color. The windows are glazed with plate glass, with outside winter sashes. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas, the fixtures are in old gold color, very massive, of antique form from special designs. It has been open eleven years, and there are now nearly 10,000 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.

Worcester.—No library.

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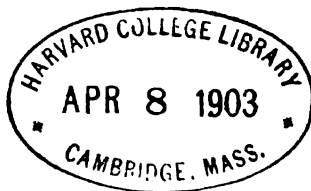
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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its third biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," and "Acts of 1896 and 1898," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and

said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this State, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other

instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution

endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the manage-

ment and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.



GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NEWPORT, VT.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

NO. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges,

academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

NO. 34.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION 887, VERMONT STATUTES, AUTHORIZING TOWNS TO CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE FREE USE OF BOOKS AND TO VOTE MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES HELD IN TRUST FOR SUCH TOWNS.

SECTION 1. Section 887, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

Approved November 26, 1898.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1897.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The list of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far-reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,

H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,

FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,

Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,

Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,

State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....VT.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of....., Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town

held on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

(Name.)	(Term for which elected.)
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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of.....dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., VT.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of....., Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees:

....., Vermont.
 DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The Secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,
Rutland, Vt.

....., 189

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library:

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all, the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the missionary spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

SUPPLIES.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. An accession-book and shelf-list will be furnished with the books sent by the State.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co. and Charles E. Lauriat Co., of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:



EGBERT STARR LIBRARY, MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, MIDDLEBURY, VT.



GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY.

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus:

Accession No.	Class.	Vol.	Author.	Title.	Place and Publisher.
21	F	1	Harrison, C. C.	A bachelor maid.	N. Y. Century.

Date.	Pages.	Size.	Binding.	Source.	Cost.	Remarks.
1894.	225.	D.	Cloth.	W. B. Clarke & Co.	.67	Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '95.

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Public Library Committee.

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | R. Reference. |
| B. Biography. | S. Science. |
| C. Children's Books. | T. Theology—Education and |
| F. Fiction. | Sociology. |
| H. History. | V. Voyages and Travels. |
| L. Literature—Essays, Poetry, Drama and Magazines. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book-plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author

together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement:

BARR.—Between two loves.

A border shepherdess.

Paul and Christina.

BARRIE.—The little minister.

A window in Thrums.

BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.

CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.

A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

REGISTERING NAMES.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the ——— library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for your readers. After registering, provide each reader with a card similar to this:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME..... No.....

LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.	LOANED.	BOOK.	RETURNED.

On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

The Library is open.....from.....to.....

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and cost of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 165, Sec. 4216.*

CHARGING BOOKS.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manila paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip:

RICE, WILLIAM A.				53.			
J 4	506	J 18					
J 18	217	J 26					

The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name. Then from your slips remove the one with the corresponding name and stamp the date of return upon it and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purposes of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematic, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manila envelopes. The form of entry is like this:

Accession No.	Class F.	
50	Harrison, C. C.	The Anglomaniacs.
225		A bachelor maid.
65		Bar Harbor days.
82	Hawthorne, N.	The Blithedale romance.

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

SIMPLER METHODS FOR SMALLEST LIBRARIES.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned:

Date of Loaning.	Borrower's Name.	Name, or Accession Number of Book.	Date of Returning.

If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances the accession book, besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to

the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession number should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking that children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate as to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. I. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., or the Summer Session of the Library School at Albany, N. Y., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any bookseller at a cost of twenty-five cents.

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- SEDGWICK, A. D. *Confounding of Camella*. Scribner, \$1.25.
- SMITH, F. H. *The other fellow*. Houghton, \$1.50.
- STOCKTON, F. R. *Vizier of the two-horned Alexander*. Century, \$1.25.
- TARKINGTON, BOOTH. *Gentleman from Indiana*. Doubleday, \$1.50.
- TODD, M. G. *Windyhaugh*. Appleton, \$1.50.
- WARD, MRS. E. S. P. *Loveliness*. Houghton, \$1.
- WARNER, C. D. *That fortune*. Harper, \$1.50.
- WHITEING, RICHARD. *No. 5 John St*. Century, \$1.50.
- WHITNEY, MRS. A. D. T. *Square pegs*. Houghton, \$1.50.
- WILKINS, M. E. *The Jamesons*. Doubleday, \$1.

HISTORY.

- BRYCE, JAMES, *and others*. *Briton and Boer; both sides of the South African question*. Harper, \$1.25.
- COLBY, F. M. *Outlines of general history*. Amer. Bk. Co., \$1.50.
- FISKE, A. K. *The West Indies. (Story of the nations.)* Putnam, \$1.75.
- FISKE, JOHN. *Dutch and Quaker colonies in America*. 2v. Houghton, \$4.
Mississippi valley in the Civil war. Houghton, \$2.
- HILLEGAS, H. C. *Oom Paul's people*. Appleton, \$1.50.
- LATIMER, E. W. *Judea from Cyrus to Titus*. McClurg, \$2.50.
- MORRIS, C. E. *The war with Spain*. Lippincott, \$1.50.
- ROBERTS, C. G. D. *History of Canada*. Silver, \$2, *net*.
- ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. *Story of the Rough Riders*. Scribner, \$2.
- SAINT-AMAND, IMBERT DE. *France and Italy*. Scribner, \$1.50.
- WHITMAN, SIDNEY, and McILWRAITH, J. N. *Austria. (Story of the nations.)* Putnam, \$1.50.
- WISE, J. S. *The end of an era. (The southern confederacy.)* Houghton, \$2.

LITERATURE.

- DOOLEY, MARTIN, *pseud.* *Mr. Dooley in the hearts of his countrymen*. Small, \$1.25.
- DUNBAR, P. L. *Poems of cabin and field*. Dodd, \$1.50.
- FISHER, MARY. *General survey of American literature*. McClurg, \$1.50.
- FISKE, JOHN. *Century of science and other essays*. Houghton, \$2.
- FORD, P. L., *ed.* *New England primer*. Dodd, \$1.50.
- LUCAS, E. V. *Book of verses for children*. Holt, \$2.

- MARKHAM, EDWIN. Man with the hoe and other poems. Doubleday, \$1.
 MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters. 2v. Scribner, \$2.50.
 WEEDEN, HOWARD. Bandanna ballads. Doubleday, \$1, *net*.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. Fisherman's luck. Scribner, \$2.

SCIENCE.

- BURROUGHS, JOHN. Squirrels and other fur bearers. Houghton, \$1.25.
 CHAPMAN, F. M. Bird studies with a camera. Appleton.
 GOING, MAUD, *pseud.* Field, forest and wayside flowers, with chapters
 on sedges, grasses and ferns. Baker, \$1.50.
 KEARTON, ROBERT. Wild life at home. Cassell, \$1.50.
 MORLEY, M. W. Bee people. McClurg, \$1.25.
 SCUDDER, S. H. Every day butterflies. Houghton, \$2.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Trail of the Sandhill stag. Scribner, \$1.50.
 TODD, D. P. Stars and telescopes. Little, \$2.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

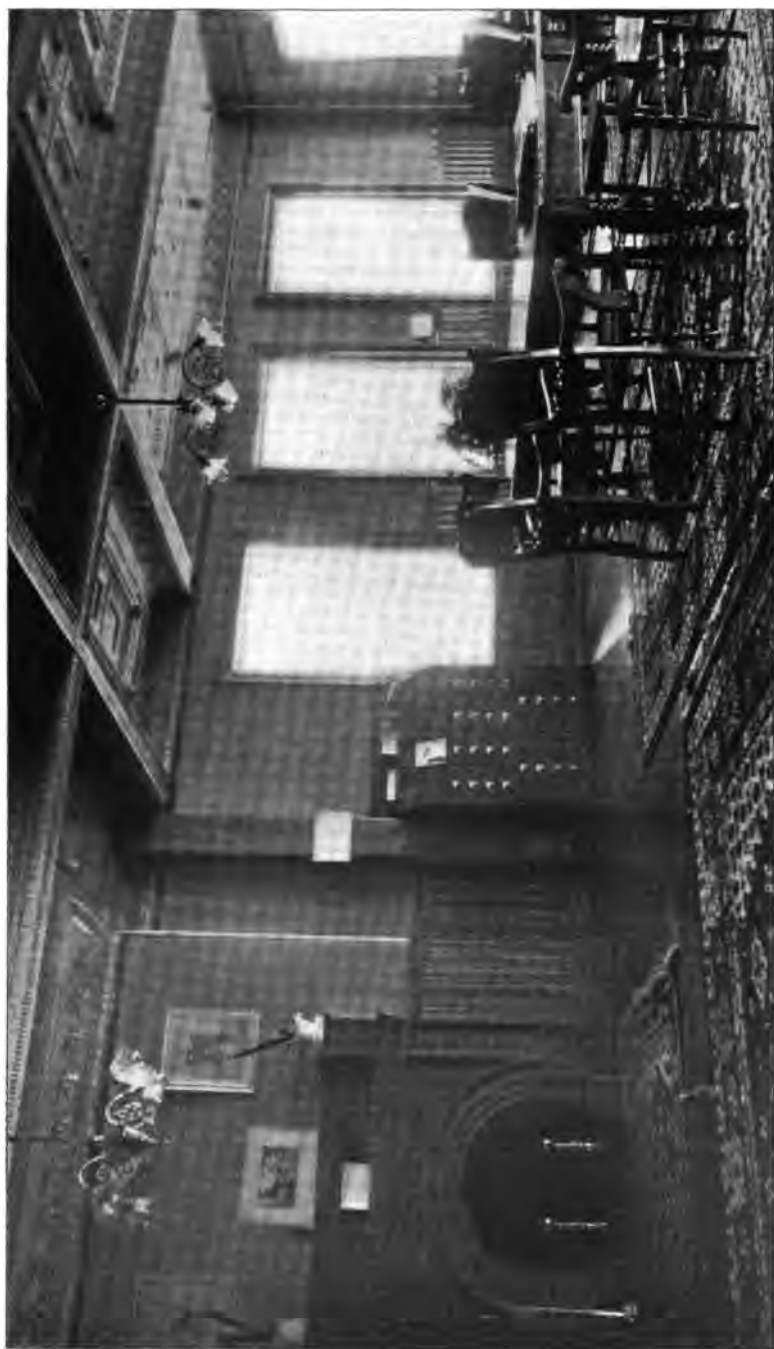
- BECHTEL, J. H. Slips of speech. Penn, 50c.
 CLARKE, W. N. Can I believe in God the Father? Scribner, \$1.
 CURTIN, JEREMIAH. Creation myths of primitive America. Little,
 \$2.50.
 DANA, J. C. Library primer. Library Bureau, \$1.
 DOLE, C. F. Young citizen. Heath, 45c.
 DRUMMOND, HENRY. New evangelism and other addresses. Dodd,
 \$1.50.
 EARLE, MRS. A. M. Child life in colonial days. Macmillan, \$2.50.
 FLYNT, JOSIAH, *pseud.* Tramping with tramps. Century, \$1.50.
 HOGAN, L. E. Study of a child; with original drawings by a child.
 Harper, \$2.50.
 HYDE, W. DE W. God's education of man. Houghton, \$1.25.
 MABIE, HAMILTON. Life of the Spirit. Dodd, \$1.25.
 RIIS, J. A. A ten year's war. Houghton, \$1.50.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. Gospel for a world of sin. Macmillan, \$1.25.
 WASHINGTON, B. T. The future of the American negro. Small, \$1.50.
 WRIGHT, C. D. Outline of practical sociology. Longmans, \$2.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- BULLEN, F. T. Cruise of the Cachalot round the world after sperm
 whales. Appleton, \$1.50.
 Log of a sea-waif. Appleton, \$1.50.
 DU CHAILLU, P. B. The land of the long night. Scribner, \$2.
 FITZPATRICK, J. F. Transvaal from within. Stokes, \$3.
 HEILPRIN, ANGELO. Alaska and the Klondike. Appleton, \$1.75.
 KARAGEORGEVITCH, PRINCE BOJIDAR. Enchanted India. Harper, \$2.50.
 KENNAN, GEORGE. Campaigning in Cuba. Century, \$1.50.
 MORRIS, CHARLES. Our island empire; a hand-book of Cuba, Puerto
 Rico and the Philippine islands. Lippincott, \$1.50.
 PERRY, W. S. Egypt, the land of the temple builders. Prang, \$1.50.
 WHITNEY, CASPAR. Hawaiian America. Harper, \$2.50.



MOORE FREE LIBRARY, NEWFANE, VT.



ENCOSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY—READING ROOM.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF BOOKS FURNISHED ONE OF THE
TOWNS WITH THE \$100 APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE.

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

ATKINSON, P. Electricity for everybody.
BEARD, D. C. American boy's handy book.
BEARD, L. & A. B. American girl's handy book.
COCHRAN, C. E. Wonders of modern mechanism.
HOUGH, E. Story of the cowboy. (Story of the west series.)
RONALD, M. Century cook book.
VAN DYKE, J. History of painting.

BIOGRAPHY.

ADAMS, C. F. John Randolph. (Amer. statesmen.)
BRYCE, J. William Ewart Gladstone.
CUSTER, E. B. Tenting on the plains.
HUBERT, P. G. Inventors. (Men of achievement.)
STOWE, C. E. Life of Harriet Beecher Stowe.
WILSON, W. The true George Washington.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

ALCOTT, L. M. Little women.
ANDREWS, J. Seven little sisters who live on the round ball that floats
in the air.
AUSTIN, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets. (App. home reading books.)
BROOKS, E. S. Century book of the American revolution.
The true story of Abraham Lincoln.
CARROLL, LEWIS, *pseud.* Alice in wonderland.
DODGE, M. M. Donald and Dorothy.
HARRIS, J. C. Little Mr. Thimblefinger and his queer country.
HENTY, G. A. At Aboukir and Acre.
KIRKE, E. O. Dorothy Deane.
KNOX, T. W. Boy travellers in Japan and China.
KIPLING, R. Jungle books. 2v.
LANG, A. Blue fairy book.
MUNROE, K. The painted desert.
POULSSON, E. In the child world.
SCHWATKA, F. Children of the cold.
SEAWELL, M. E. Rock of the Lion. (A tale of the siege of Gibraltar.)
WIGGIN, K. D. Polly Oliver's problem.
WRIGHT, H. C. Stories from English literature.

FICTION.

BARNES, J. A loyal traitor.
BARRIE, J. M. Sentimental Tommy.
BLACK, W. Briseis.
CABLE, G. W. Dr. Sevier.
CHURCHILL, W. Richard Carvel.
COOPER, J. F. Last of the Mohicans.

- CRAWFORD, F. M. Dr. Claudius.
 CROCKETT, S. R. The lilac sunbonnet.
 DICKENS, C. David Copperfield.
 DELAND, M. Old Chester tales.
 DORR, J. C. R. In king's houses.
 DOYLE, A. C. Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
 ELIOT, GEORGE, *pseud.* Romola.
 FORD, P. L. Story of an untold love.
 FULLER, A. One of the Pilgrims.
 GOODWIN, M. W. Flint, his friends, his fortunes and his follies.
 HAWTHORNE, N. The marble faun.
 HOPE, ANTHONY (Anthony Hope Hawkins). Prisoner of Zenda.
 Rupert of Hentzau.
 JACKSON, H. H. Ramona.
 KIPLING, R. Captains Courageous.
 MERRIMAN, E. S., *pseud.* In Kedar's tents.
 MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* Kate Carnegie.
 MITCHELL, S. W. Hugh Wynne. 2v.
 OLLIVANT, A. Bob, son of battle.
 PARKER, G. Seats of the mighty.
 PRINCE, H. C. Story of Christine Rochefort.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Sam Lovel's camps.
 SEAWELL, M. E. Loves of the Lady Arabella.
 STOCKTON, F. R. The girl at Cobhurst.
 SMITH, F. H. Caleb West.
 Tom Grogan.
 SCOTT, Sir W. Ivanhoe.
 Waverly.
 THACKERAY, W. M. The Newcomes.
 WALLACE, L. Ben-Hur.
 WEYMAN, S. J. The Castle Inn.
 WILKINS, M. E. Jane Field.

HISTORY.

- ABBOTT, W. J. History of the navy of the U. S.
 BOURINOT, Sir J. Canada. (Story of the nations.)
 EGGLESTON, E. Beginnings of New England.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Vermont. (Amer. commonwealths.)

LITERATURE.

- DORR, J. C. R. Poems.
 FOSS, S. W. Songs of war and peace.
 MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters. 1v.
 SOUVESTRE, E. Attic philosopher in Paris.
 STEDMAN, E. C. Victorian anthology.

SCIENCE.

- BLANCHAN, N., *pseud.* Bird neighbors.
 PARSONS, F. T. How to know the wild flowers.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Wild animals I have known.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen Bird.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea power past and present.
 PLUMMER, M. W. Hints to small libraries.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- FLINT, G. Marching with Gomez.
 HILL, R. T. Cuba and Porto Rico and other islands of the West Indies.
 NANSEN, F. Farthest north.
 WORCESTER, D. C. The Philippine islands.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

Alburg,	Grafton,	Peru,
Andover,	Granby,	Pomfret,
Athens,	Granville,	Poultney,
Barton,	Groton,	Putney,
Benson,	†Gulford,	Randolph,
Braintree,	Hardwick,	Reading,
†Brattleboro,	Hartland,	Readsboro.
Brighton,	Highgate,	†Richford,
Cabot,	Hyde Park,	†Richmond,
Cambridge,	Isle La Motte,	Ripton,
Canaan,	Jericho,	Rochester,
Castleton,	Johnson,	†Rockingham,
†Cavendish,	Kirby,	Royalton,
†Chelsea,	Landgrove,	Ryegate,
†Chester,	Lincoln,	††St. Albans,
Chittenden,	Lunenburg,	* St. Albans (Town of),
Concord,	Lyndon,	Sharon,
Enosburg,	Marshfield,	Shelburne,
Essex,	Middletown Springs,	Sheldon,
†Fair Haven,	Milton,	Shoreham,
Fairlee,	Montgomery,	South Hero,
Fairfax,	Newport,	Stamford,
Fletcher,	Northfield,	Stockbridge,
Franklin,	Orange,	†Stowe,
Georgia,	Orwell,	†Stratford,

† Owned by the city.

* Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City), and makes annual appropriation for its support.

Sunderland,	Wardsboro,	Weston,
Sutton,	Washington,	West Windsor,
Swanton,	Waterford,	Weybridge,
Townshend,	Waterville,	Wheelock,
Vershire,	Westfield,	Whittingham,
Victory,	Westford,	Wilmington,
Waitsfield,	West Haven,	Windham,
Walden,	Westmore,	Woodbury, — 99.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Burlington, Springfield, — 2.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Bethel,	Pittsford,	West Rutland,
Morristown,	Rutland,	Windsor,—8.
Newbury,	Wallingford,	

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Charleston,	Newfane,	Woodstock,
Hartford,	St. Johnsbury,	Thetford,—8.
Montpelier,	Ludlow,	

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

Addison,	Bridgewater,	*Danville,
Albany,	Bridport,	Derby,
Arlington,	*Bristol,	*Dorset,
^a Bakersfield,	*Brookfield,	Dover,
Baltimore,	Brookline,	*Dummerston,
Barnard,	Brownington,	Duxbury,
Barnet,	Brunswick,	East Haven,
*Barre,	*Burke,	*East Montpelier,
Barre (Town of),	*Calais,	Eden,
Belvidere,	*Charlotte,	Elmore,
*Bennington,	Clarendon,	*Fairfield,
Berkshire,	Colchester,	Fayston,
Berlin,	*Corinth,	Ferrisburg,
Bloomfield,	*Cornwall,	Glastenbury,
Bolton,	*Coventry,	Glover,
*Bradford,	^a Craftsbury,	Goshen,
*Brandon,	Danby,	*Grand Isle,

^a Free use of school library.

*Greensboro,	Mt. Tabor,	South Burlington,
Gulldhall,	*Newark,	Stannard,
Halifax,	New Haven,	Starksboro,
Hancock,	North Hero,	Stratton,
Hinesburg,	Norton,	Sudbury,
Holland,	*Norwich,	Tinmouth,
Hubbardton,	Panton,	Topsham,
Huntington,	Pawlet,	Troy,
*Ira,	*Peacham,	Tunbridge,
Irasburgh,	Pittsfield,	*Underhill,
Jamalca,	Plainfield,	*Vergennes,
Jay,	Plymouth,	Vernon,
Leicester,	Pownal,	Waltham,
Lemington,	*Proctor,	Warren,
*Londonderry,	Roxbury,	*Waterbury,
Lowell,	Rupert,	Weathersfield,
Maldstone,	Rutland (Town of),	Wells,
*Manchester,	St. George,	West Fairlee,
Marlboro,	Salisbury,	Westminster,
Mendon,	Sandgate,	Whiting,
*Middlebury,	Searsburg,	*Williamstown,
Middlesex,	*Shaftsbury,	Williston,
Monkton,	Sheffield,	Winhall,
Moretown,	Sherburne,	Wolcott,
Morgan,	Shrewsbury,	Woodford,
Mt. Holly,	Somerset,	Worcester,—129.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES MADE, OR THAT HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1898.

LIBRARY.	Donation.	Donor.
Brattleboro Free Library	{ \$500.00	Hon. Dorman B. Eaton.
Cambridge Town Library	{ 500.00	Rev. Geo. L. Walker.
	{ 140.00	Ladies' Club of Jeffersonville.
	{ 100 vols.	A. P. Childs.
Castleton Free Public Library	{ Warner's Library of the	
	{ Worlds Best Literature.	
Chelsea Public Library	{ 58 vols	Prof. R. M. Wright.
Chester, Whiting Free Library	{ \$50.00	Rev. S. L. B. Speare.
E. Charleston Reading Circle	{ 20.00	Hon. Chas. A. Fullerton.
	{ 40.00	Dr. Simms.
E. Corinth Public Library	{ 150.00	Prof. A. H. Adams.
		Mrs. A. Fenno, Mr. C. M. Blake,
		Miss S. Blake and others.
Knosburgh	{ 700.00	Ladies' Improvement Society.
	{ 800.00	Hon. Olin Merrill.
Essex Free Library	{ 200.00	Entertainments.
Grafton Public Library	{ 800.00	Mrs. L. B. Daniels.
Guildhall	{ Library building, site and	
	{ about 500 vols.	
Hardwick, Jendevine Memorial	{ \$150.00	Col. E. C. Benton.
Hartford Library	{ 100.00	Entertainment.
Hartford, Wilder Club and Library	{ 1,200.00	Mr. E. Morris.
Jericho Town Library	{ 25.00	Friends of Founder.
Johnson Public Library	{ 375.00	L. F. Wilbur.
		Woman's Club.
Ludlow, Fletcher Memorial Library	{ Building and Library	Woman's Auxiliary Y. M. C. A.
	{ \$125,000.00	Allen M. Fletcher.
Montpelier, Kellogg-Hubbard	{ 973.00	By will of John E. Hubbard.
	{ 706.00	Ladies' Library Guild.
Morristown Centennial Library	{ 200.00	Ladies' Library League.
Newbury, Tenney Memorial	{ 400.00	Subscription.
Newfane, The Moore Public Library	{ Building, \$9,000; 2,100 vols.	F. J. and C. C. Doe.
	{ \$2,000.00 endowment ..	
Pittsford, Maclure Library	{ \$150.00	Mrs. Phyllis U. Moore.
	{ 100 vols.	
Pomfret Public Library	{ Official Records of the	Agricultural Library.
	{ War of the Rebellion ..	
Proctor Public Library	{ \$110.00	Col. C. P. Miller.
Putney Public Library	{ 500.00	Hon. Redfield Proctor.
Randolph Public Library	{ \$300.00	C. W. Kimball.
Reading Free Library	{ Library building costing	Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker.
	{ \$5,000.00	
Richford, Arvin A. Brown Pub. Lib.	{ 500.00	Hon. Gilbert A. Davis, Windsor.
Sharon Public Library	{ 150.00	Hon. S. P. Carpenter.
Shelburne Public Library	{ 50.00 yearly	John Shepard.
Sheldon Free Library	{ 8,000.00	Mrs. W. S. Webb.
Shoreham Public Library	{ 72.00	Jonathan Northrop.
	{ Books valued at \$185.00 ..	Entertainment and friends.
St. Albans Free Library	{ Library building and site,	Reading Clubs and entertain-
	{ \$25,000.00	{ ments.
Swanton Free Library	{ 203.00	Will of Hon. J. Gregory Smith.
Waitsfield Town Library	{ 40.00	Entertainments.
	{ 178 books	Lecture Course Association.
Wallingford, Gilbert-Hart Library	{ \$100.00	Old Library Association.
Washington Public Library	{ 700.00	
Westmore Public Library	{ 87 vols., \$25.00	Mrs. H. A. White.
	{ Library building, costing	Mr. Skinner.
West Windsor Public Library	{ about \$4,000.	
	{ \$50.00	B. F. Blood, Waltham, Mass.
Weybridge, Cotton Free Pub. Lib. .	{ \$3,000.00	Mr. Kelsey, Windsor.
Wheelock Public Library	{ \$30 vols.	Joshua F. Cotton.
Windsor Library Association	{ 850.00	Benjamin W. Dodge.
	{ 60.00 in books	Entertainments.
Vergennes Library	{ 185.00	Hon. C. C. Beaman.
		Readings by Mrs. J. C. R. Dorr
		and others.

NOTE.—In sums of less than \$25.00, more than \$2,000.00, not noted in above table, have been given to libraries in the state during the last two years.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.		
	Reference.	Others.	Added last year.
Barre	800	800	65
Barton	70	150	13
Bellows Falls	70	100	.....
Bennington	800	.....	50
Brandon	250	150	.....
Bristol	25	75	.....
Burlington	50	.....	6
Chelsea	30	156	.....
Chester	50	100	.....
Enosburgh Falls	20	110	.....
Fair Haven	50	.....	6
Hartford	25	150	.....
Hyde Park	200	25	.....
Ludlow	200	1,100	55
Middlebury	80	130	1
Milton	100	200	.....
Montpelier	150	2,000	.....
Morrisville	150	.....	1
Newport	100	.....	.....
North Bennington*	75	900	250
Pittsford	30	.....	.....
Proctor	75	75	.....
Randolph	300	.....	.....
Richford	35	191	2
Rutland .....	.....	1,300	.....
St. Albans	350	350	200
Springfield	22	50	30
Winooski	63	80	1
Woodstock	50	.....	.....

* Free to the public.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

ACADEMIES.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.		
	Reference.	Others.	Added last year.
Brigham Academy*	100	800	50
Burr and Burton Seminary	200	800	.....
Craftsbury Academy* .....	.....	2,150	25
Derby Academy	800	500	5
Essex Classical Institute	65	185	41
Lyndon Institute	350	800	30
Malindoe Academy	50	100	.....
Montpelier Seminary*	100	1,000	.....
Pearham Academy* .....	.....	2,500	.....
St. Johnsbury Academy .....	.....	500	.....
Thetford Academy*	200	2,900	60
Troy Conference Seminary	450	2,400	.....
Vermont Academy .....	.....	4,000	110

* Free to the public.

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY YEAR.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	KNOW-MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Addison.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridport.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bristol.....	Bristol Library Association.....	.....	No.....	Mrs. John R. Kilborn.....	1,000	.....	No.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornwall.....	Lane Library.....	1889	No.....	Mrs. E. O. Porter.....	1,026	.....	No.....	.....	.....	.....
Ferriaburg.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goheen.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granville.....	Granville Free Library.....	1895	Yes.....	Bessie Hubbard.....	249	14	Yes.....	\$15 00	.....	.....
Hancock.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leicester.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln.....	Lincoln Free Library.....	1900	Yes.....	Edna C. Bristol.....	.....	.....	Yes.....	25 00	.....	.....
Middlebury.....	Ladies' Library.....	1866	No.....	Emma L. Hight.....	4,900	180	No.....	.....	\$6,000 00	Miss Starr.
	College library.....	1800	Yes.....	C. B. Wright.....	24,000	.....	No.....	.....	.....	.....
Monton.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Haven.....	Orwell Free Library.....	1896	Yes.....	Addie M. Raymond.....	537	90	Yes.....	100 00	.....	.....
Orwell.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Panton.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes.....	Timothy Billings.....	292	20	Yes.....	15 00	.....	.....
Ripton.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	Shoreham Public Library.....	1898	Yes.....	Marcia A. Douglas.....	500	100	Yes.....	25 00	.....	.....
Shoreham.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Starksboro.....	Vergennes Library.....	1876	No.....	Mary P. Tucker.....	3,209	97	No.....	280 37	.....	.....
Vergennes.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walham.....	The Cotton Free Public Lib- rary of Weybridge.....	1899	Yes.....	Martin E. Sprague.....	740	240	Yes.....	0	5,000 00	Joshua F. Cotton.
Weybridge.....	No library.....
Whiting.....

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 18 "
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 23 "



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BENNINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	A M'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	ENDOW- MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Arlington.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennington.....	Bennington Free Library.....	1865	Yes	Mary B. Merrill.....	6,032	13	No.	\$400 00	.....	.....
Dorset.....	Dorset Book Club.....	1870	No.	H. D. Baldwin.....	511	35	No.	.....	.....	.....
Glastenbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Landgrove.....	Landgrove Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. R. E. Wiley.....	270	93	Yes	15 00	.....	.....
Manchester.....	Mark Skinner Library.....	1897	No.	Clara M. Chamberlin.....	12,000	1,048	No.	.....	\$750	Mrs. Frances Skinner
Perrin.....	Perrin Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. M. Whitney.....	250	40	Yes	15 00	.....	Mrs. Frances Skinner
Townal.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Readboro.....	Readboro Library Ass'n.....	1899	Yes	Rena Leane.....	454	.....	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Rupert.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searsburg.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shafsbury.....	South Shafsbury Lib. Ass'n.....	1884	No.	Mrs. Fred Eddy.....	800	40	No.	.....	.....	.....
Stamford.....	Stamford Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Miss M. C. Morrissey.....	295	15	Yes	15 00	.....	.....
Sunderland.....	Sunderland Town Library.....	1893	Yes	J. M. Gregory.....	140	8	Yes	15 00	.....	.....
Whitall.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodford.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Annually.

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 3 "
 No library, 8 "
 17 "

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. May, 1900.	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	AM'T App. by Town, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barnet.....	No library.....		No.	Mrs. Susan Streeter.	400			No.		
Burke. { East	Ladies' Library Association..	1872	No.	Mrs. Sarah A. Buel.				No.		
{ West	Pope Memorial Library.....	1878	No.	Ida M. Page.....	1,500			No.	\$1,000 00	{ Building given by { Mrs. C. E. Pope.
Danville.....		1879	No.							
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes.	George N. Clark.....	535	3	\$25 00	Yes.		
Hardwick.....	Bathway Free Public Lib.....	1893	Yes.	Carrie P. Bridgman..	335	45	+200 00	Yes.		{ Given by Mrs. M. M. { M. Jeudevine.
Kirby.....	Jeudevine Memorial Library..	1897	Yes.	Carrie P. Bridgman..	330	34	15 00	No.		
Lyndon.....	Kirby Public Library.....	1895	Yes.	Nellie A. Russell.....	306	65	15 00	Yes.		
Newark.....	Lyndon Free Library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. H. Duston.....	1,565	292	150 00	Yes.		
Peacham.....	Ladies' Library.....		No.							
{	Juvenile Library Society.....	1810	No.	Anna E. Renfrew.....	1,848	64		No.	1,535 00	{ Thaddeus Stevens { and others.
Ryegate.....	Ryegate Free Library.....	1895	Yes.	Mary S. Beattie.....	596	56		Yes.		
St. Johnsbury.....	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.....	1871	Yes.	Louise L. Bartlett..	15,982	515		No.	53,000 00	Horace Fairbanks.
Sheffield.....	No library.....									
Stannard.....	No library.....									
Sutton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1898	Yes.	Mrs. L. B. Wilson.....	530	30	25 00	Yes.		
Walden.....	Walden Free Public Library..	1895	Yes.	George T. Eastman..	332	17	15 00	Yes.		
Waterford.....	Waterford Free Library.....	1898	Yes.	E. W. Brown.....	215	15	25 00	Yes.		
Wheelock.....	Wheelock Public Library.....	1897	Yes.	L. N. Cree.....	400	40	15 00	Yes.		

*For running expenses of both libraries in town.

Library free, 10 towns.

Library not free, 4 "

No library, 8 "

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bolton	No library.	1885	Yea.	Edith E. Clarke.	60,000	a 5,500		No.	\$50,000 00	Frederick Billings.
Burlington	Billings library.								10,000 00	Maria Loomis.
Charlotte	Fletcher Free Library.	1874	Yea.	Sarah C. Hagar.	40,000	1,000	\$2,200 00	No.	1,200 00	Wheeler Fund.
Colchester	Hosford Lib. of Bap. church.	1875	§	Roderic Kuo.	800			No.	500 00	Strong Fund.
Essex	No library.							No.	1600 00	Mary L. Fletcher.
Hinesburgh	Essex Free Library.	1899	Yea.	S. A. Brownell.	500	400	50 00	Yea.	150 00	John Sherman.
Huntington	No library.									
Jericho	No library.									
Milton	Jericho Town Library.	1899	Yea.	Mrs. Jennie W. Hart.	350	60	25 00	Yea.		
Richmond	Milton Free Library.	1898	Yea.	Mrs. C. L. Wolcott.	237	40	25 00	Yea.		
St. George	Richmond Free Library.	1888	Yea.	Anna Norton.	900		†	No.	1,387 38	Jonas F. Barber.
Shelburne	No library.									
South Ferrisburgh	No library.	1896	Yea.	Mrs. M. A. Hurley.	650	74	25 00	Yea.		
Underhill	No library.		No.	A. C. Humphrey.	800	28				
Ward	Shelburne Free Library Ass'n.		Yea.	H. T. Fay.	481	38	25 00	Yea.		
Williston	Ward Free Library.	1895								
	No library.									

§ Free for parish.
† Appropriated by the city.
‡ Yearly.
; Town pays salary of librarian.
a Added during last two years.

Library free, 7 towns.
Library not free, 2 "
No library, 7 "
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REPORT OF VERMONT

ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	KNOW- MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bloomfield.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Leta J. Eaton.....	590	44	\$100 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Brighton.....	Island Pond Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Leta J. Eaton.....	590	44	\$100 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Brunswick.....	No library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. Chas. H. Weeks.....	400	1	25 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Canaan.....	Canaan Library.....	1896	Yes.	H. C. Wilcox.....	650	.....	35 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Concord.....	Concord Library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. Allen Hodgdon.....	120	.....	15 90	Yes.	.....	.....
East Haven.....	No library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. Allen Hodgdon.....	120	.....	15 90	Yes.	.....	.....
Granby.....	Town library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. Allen Hodgdon.....	120	.....	15 90	Yes.	.....	.....
Guildhall.....	No library.....	1895	Yes.	Julia E. White.....	802	54	50 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Lemington.....	No library.....	1895	Yes.	Julia E. White.....	802	54	50 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Lunenburg.....	Lunenburg Public Library.....	1895	Yes.	Julia E. White.....	802	54	50 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Maldstone.....	No library.....	1897	Yes.	Mrs. Heman Boyce.....	108	82	15 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Norton.....	No library.....	1897	Yes.	Mrs. Heman Boyce.....	108	82	15 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Victory.....	Victory Public Library.....	1897	Yes.	Mrs. Heman Boyce.....	108	82	15 00	Yes.

Library free, 6 towns.
No library, 7 "

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FRANKLIN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bakersfield	No library (a)									
Berkshire	No library									
Enosburg	Enosburg Public Library	1896	Yes.	Miss Anna Gaines	1,883	927	\$100 00	Yes.		
Fairfax	Fairfax Free Library	1899	Yes.	Eliza J. Putnam	180		25 00	Yes.		
Fairfield	Fairfield Public Library	1900	No.	Miss A. G. Soule	118					
Fletcher	Fletcher Free Library	1896	Yes.	Mrs. A. Carpenter	270		25 00	Yes.		
Franklin	Franklin Public Library	1896	Yes.	S. J. Randall	700	40	25 00	Yes.		
Georgia	Georgia Free Library	1896	Yes.	Mrs. Abner Bliss	186	42	25 00	Yes.		
Highgate	Free Library	1895	Yes.	O. E. Sheridan	212	90		Yes.		
Montgomery	Town Library	1895	Yes.	Charles L. Martin	335	20	25 00	Yes.		
Richford	Arvin A. Brown Public Lib.	1895	Yes.	Mrs. A. K. Brown	1,126	103		No.	\$350 00	Arvin A. Brown.
St. Albans	St. Albans Free Public Lib.	1860	Yes.	Bertha C. Jennison	3,670	510	\$600 00	No.	1,000 00	Luther B. Hunt.
Sheldon (Town of)	No library (b)									
Sheldon	Sheldon Free Public Library	1897	Yes.	Miss Eva Marvin	500	100	25 00	Yes.	3,000 00	Jonathan Northrop.
Swanton	Swanton Free Library	1899	Yes.	Miss Beattie S. Rogers	800	800	100 00	Yes.		

Library free, 11 towns.

Library not free, 1 "

No library, 3 "

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* Yearly.

† Appropriated by the city, \$500 00.

‡ Appropriated by the town, 100 00.

(a) Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield.

(b) Makes appropriation for, and has free use of St. Albans (city) library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Alburg.....	Alburg Town Library.....	1896	Yes.	Mrs. F. H. Brayton.....	536	30	\$25 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1898	No.	Cordelia Ufford.....	225	13	.....	No.	.....	.....
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library.....	1895	Yes.	Mary Montgomery.....	180	.....	.....	Yes.	.....	.....
North Hero.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library.....	1895	Yes.	Mrs. Julia Hall.....	300	15	15 00	Yes.

Library free, 3 towns.
 Library not free, 1 "
 No library, 1 "

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LAMOILLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Belvidere.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	Cambridge Town Library.....	1900	Yes.	Miss M. Page.....	250	87	\$50 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Eden.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmore.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hyde Park.....	Hyde Park Public Library.....	1896	Yes.	Miss Alice L. Goddard.....	1,000	11	25 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Johnson.....	Johnson Public Library.....	1895	Yes.	Mrs. D. G. Holmes.....	542	96	50 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Morris town.....	Morris town Centennial Lib.....	1890	Yes.	F. G. Fleetwood.....	2,400	200	185 00	No.	.....	Mrs. H. O. Cushman.
Stowe.....	Stowe Free Library.....	1893	Yes.	Mrs. M. A. Jenney.....	2,107	44	50 00	No.	.....	{ George W. Clark.
Waterville.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes.	J. F. Stevens.....	Yes.
Wolcott.....	No library.....

Library free, 6 towns.
 No library, 4 "

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* Annually.

ORANGE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY MEMBER.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP BY TOWN, 1900.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bradford	Bradford Public Library	1895	No.	Annie C. Spalding	2,800	62	No.	.....	\$5,000 00	J. L. Woods.
Brantree	Brantree Public Library	1900	Yes.	Miss Eliza Pratt	.....	.....	Yes.	\$25 00	.....	.....
Brookfield	Brookfield Town Library	1791	No.	Chas. S. Williams	2,500	40	No.	.....	.....	{ Building given by Alden Speare.
Chelsea	Alden Speare Memorial Lib.	1892	Yes.	Nelle Corwin	1,309	91	No.	50 00	.....	.....
Corinth	East Corinth Public Library	1893	No.	W. R. Rowland	750	150	No.	.....	.....	.....
Farlee	Farlee Public Library	1898	Yes.	Mrs. B. W. Abbott	323	51	Yes.	15 00	.....	.....
Newbury	Tenney Memorial Library	1897	Yes.	Francis M. Atkinson	3,435	350	No.	150 00	*215 00	{ Building given by Martha J. Tenney.
Orange	Orange Library	1881	Yes.	Mrs. Myra F. Davis	650	2	Yes.	.....	.....	.....
Randolph	Randolph Public Library	1896	Yes.	Maud E. Blanchard	2,663	124	Yes.	1200 00	3,300 00	Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker
Stratford	Harris Library	1855	Yes.	Marian C. Hatch	4,500	250	No.	.....	1,050 00	{ Building given by Hon. J. S. Merrill.
Thetford	{ Latham Memorial Library Presbury Library	1876 1867	Yes. Yes.	A. E. Lambert Harvey Dodge	2,325 5,500	75 80	No. No.	.....	1,500 00 2,500 00	Mrs. A. L. Barney.
Topeham	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tunbridge	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernhire	Colton Library	1890	Yes.	.....	140	9	Yes.	.....	.....	.....
Washington	Washington Town Library	1896	Yes.	C. H. Johannesen	109	.....	Yes.	25 00	600 00	Mrs. H. A. White.
West Farlee	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown	Williamstown Social Library	1801	No.	George E. Wilber	2,000	40	No.	.....	.....	.....

* Annually. † Appropriated by village, \$100.

Library free, 10 towns.
Library not free, 4 "
No library, 3 "
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ORLEANS COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Albany	No library									
Barton	Barton Town Library	1896	Yes	L. M. Hubbard	945	216	\$200 00	Yes		
Brewington	No library									
Charleston	E. Charleston Reading Circle	1896	Yes	Mrs. I. R. Wolcott	275	50		No		
Concord	Country Library Association	1874	No	A. D. Thayer	300	27		No		
Craftsbury	Craftsbury Academy Library		Yes	Ida G. Dushan	2,150	25		No		
Dartmouth	No library									
Dorset	No library									
Glover	No library									
Greensboro	Greensboro Library	1878	No	Mrs. F. C. Kinney	500			No		
Holland	No library									
Irishburg	No library									
Jay	No library									
Lowell	No library									
Morgan	No library									
Newport	Goodrich Memorial Library	1899	Yes	Lizzie M. Sargent	6,500		400 00	Yes	\$32,000 00	Mr. Converse G. Goodrich.
Troy	No library									
Westfield	Westfield Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. E. M. Brown	291	7	15 00	Yes		
Westmore	Westmore Public Library		Yes	Mrs. Mary E. Lyon	374	53	15 00	Yes		

Library free, 6 towns,
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 10 "
 18 "



PEABODY LIBRARY, POST MILLS, VT.



RESIDENCE OF M. H. MILLER, POMFRET, VT., IN WHICH IS THE POMFRET PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Benson	Benson Free Library	1897	Yes.	Mrs. P. E. Wilcox	712	75	\$75 00	Yes		
Bandon	Ladies' Book Club		No.	Mrs. Fred Kingsley	2,798	20		Yes		
Castleton	Castleton Free Library	1897	Yes.	Minnie A. Rice	1,116	300	50 00	Yes		
Chittenden	Chittenden Free Public Lib.	1885	Yes.	E. J. Perry	330	30	25 00	Yes		
Clarendon	No library									
Dauby	No library									
Fair Haven	Fair Haven Public Library	1886	Yes.	Ellen F. Denny	4,082	191	600 00	No.		
Hubbardton	No library									
Ira	Baptist Sunday School Lib.	1850	Yes.	Mr. Harrison Fish				No.		
Mendon	No library									
Middletown Springs	Public library	1899	Yes.	Dana S. Carpenter	168	158	80 00	Yes		
Mt. Holly	No library									
Mt. Tabor	No library									
Pawlett	No library									
Pittsfield	Macdure Library	1839	Yes.	Bertha M. Shaw	7,645	238	216 40	No.		{ Walker Memorial building given by Henry F. Walker, M.D., otherwise endowed by several.
Poultney	Poultney Public Library	1895	Yes.	Addie Kilborn	8,260	215	500 00	Yes	\$34 00	
Poultney	Proctor Public Library	1881	No.	Mary K. Norton	4,700	200		No.		
Proctor	Rutland Free Library	1886	Yes.	Lucy D. Cheney	12,091	1,004		No.		
Rutland	H. B. Baxter Memorial Lib.	1891	Yes.	Mrs. E. C. Riker				No.		{ Supported by H. H. Baxter.
Rutland (Town of)	No library									
Sherburne	No library									
Shrewsbury	No library									
Stadbury	No library									
Timothy	No library									
Wallingford	Gilbert Hart Library	1894	Yes.	May L. Congdon	2,600	100	319 74	No.		
Wells	No library									
West Haven	Free Circulating Library	1899	Yes.	Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock	122	28	25 00	Yes		
West Rutland	West Rutland Library	1881	Yes.	Anna H. Spencer	1,598	136	320 00	No.		

Library free, 12 towns.

Library not free, 2 "

No library, 14 "

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*Annually.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	STATE AID.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barre.....	{ Barre Library Association.	1873	No.	Mrs. Louise L. Boyce.	2,348	100	*\$300 00	No.	.....	.....
Barre (Town of) ..	{ E. B. French Library.....	.....	No.	" "	1,593	18	.....	No.	\$2,500 00	E. B. French.....
Berlin.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cabot.....	Cabot Free Library.....	1896	Yes.	C. M. Boyles.....	479	.....	.....	Yes.	.....	.....
Calais.....	Calais Circulating Library.	1893	No.	Mrs. A. I. Converse..	1,050	.....	25 00	No.	.....	.....
Duxbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Montpelier.....	Dramatic and Musical Club	1877	No.	George Kelton.....	896	56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fayston.....	No library.....	.....	.....	Mrs. E. A. Thomas...	1,752	1,627	350 00	Yes.	1160 00	.....
Marshfield.....	Jaquith Public Library...	1895	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlesex.....	No library.....	.....	.....	Mary E. Macomber...	7,560	575	.....	No.	125,000 00	{ Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John E. Hubbard.
Montpelier.....	Kellogg-Hubbard Library.	1894	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moretown.....	No library.....	.....	.....	Ellen L. Brown.....	1,665	108	.....	Yes.	.....	.....
Northfield.....	Northfield Free Public Lib.	1895	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plainfield.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	Bertha E. Savage.....	859	.....	25 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Waitsfield.....	Waitsfield Town Library..	1900	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren.....	No library.....	.....	.....	Mrs. George E. Ladd..	1,950	30	.....	No.	.....	.....
Waterbury.....	Waterbury Public Library.	1898	No.	E. R. Daniels.....	803	36	25 00	Yes.	.....	.....
Woodbury.....	Woodbury Public Library.	1895	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worcester.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Annually.

* For care of both libraries.

Library free, 6 towns.

Library not free, 4 "

No library, 10 "

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WINDHAM COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTAB- LISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	ENDOW- MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Athens.....	Athens Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. P. O. Edwards.....	270	.....	Yes	\$15 00	.....	.....
Brattleboro.....	Brattleboro Free Library.....	1882	Yes	Wm. C. Bradley.....	11,524	480	No.	1,200 00	.....	.....
Brookline.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunsmorton.....	Dunsmorton Library Ass'n.....	1874	No.	Henry H. Miller.....	140	.....	No.	.....	.....	.....
Grafton.....	Grafton Public Library.....	1858	Yes	Lura A. Phelps.....	2,500	100	No.	100 00	\$500 00	Mrs. L. B. Daniels.
Guilford.....	Guilford Free Library.....	1893	Yes	Mrs. W. G. Worden.....	2,000	.....	No.	40 00	1,000 00	Mrs. C. A. King.
Halifax.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Londonderry.....	Londonderry Library Ass'n.....	1882	No.	.....	.....	.....	No.	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newfane.....	Moore Free library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. Philura C. Moore.....	2,900	19	No.	.....	2,000 00	Mrs. Philura C. Moore.
Putney.....	Putney Public Library.....	1887	Yes	Mark Ward.....	845	15	Yes	100 00	500 00	C. W. Kimball.
Rockingham.....	Rockingham Free Library.....	1883	Yes	Mrs. Nellie A. Plauter.....	7,200	250	No.	900 00	.....	.....
Somerset.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stratton.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend.....	Townshend Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. L. D. Osgood.....	116	.....	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Vernon.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wardsboro.....	Wardsboro Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. S. D. May.....	542	7	Yes	15 00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitingham.....	Whitingham Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Carrie E. Chase.....	285	.....	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	Wilmington Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Miss Helen Buell.....	600	100	Yes	50 00	.....	.....
Windham.....	Windham Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. M. Lamson.....	266	40	Yes	15 00

Library free, 12 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 9 "
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WINDSOR COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Andover.....	Andover Town Library.....	1896	Yes	H. B. Stannard.....	510	157	Yes	\$15 00	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnard.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	Bethel Public Library.....	1893	Yes	Kate F. Marsh.....	880	90	No	35 00	.....	.....
Bridge-water.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cavendish.....	Fletcher Town Library.....	1870	Yes	E. G. White.....	6,000	.....	No	150 00	\$9100 00	Richard Fletcher.
Chester.....	Whiting Free Library.....	1892	Yes	C. Ghevera Pollard.....	2,802	87	No	200 00	4,000 00	{ Dr. Larrin C. and Abigail B. Whiting.
Hartford.....	Hartford Library.....	1892	Yes	Fannie L. Wright.....	2,951	100	No	.....	10,000 00	Ephraim Morris.
Hartford (Village of Wilder).....	Wilder Club and Library.....	1899	Yes	L. M. Hodgkins.....	1,048	.....	No	.....	30,000 00	Charles T. Wilder.
Hurland.....	Hartland Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Louise R. Sturtevant.....	900	50	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Ludlow.....	Florence Memorial Library.....	1892	Yes	Lizzie Crane.....	.....	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Norwich.....	Norwich Public Library.....	1880	No	Mrs. Ellen W. Knight.....	2,270	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Pomfret Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. W. W. Miller.....	632	60	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Rensselaer.....	Reading Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Minnie C. Fay.....	1,525	912	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Rochester.....	Rochester Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Jessie M. Morgan.....	700	100	Yes	100 00	.....	.....
Royalton.....	Royalton Town Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Seymour Culver.....	800	12	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Sharon.....	Sharon Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. C. B. Roberts.....	520	80	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	Springfield Town Library.....	1871	Yes	Mattie Goodnough.....	6,678	178	No	250 00	*155 02	{ One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building.
Stockbridge.....	Stockbridge Free Library.....	1895	Yes	J. A. Chedel.....	218	.....	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Weathersfield.....	Belcher Library.....	1897	Yes	F. E. Steele.....	2,277	248	No	75 00	*400 00	William C. Balcher.
Weston.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Windsor.....	Weston Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. C. F. Hutchins.....	556	65	Yes	50 00	.....	.....
Windsor.....	West Windsor Public Library.....	1895	Yes	C. S. Worcester.....	166	.....	Yes	25 00	.....	.....
Windsor.....	Windsor Library Association.....	1893	Yes	Rev. E. N. Goddard.....	8,600	392	No	400 00	10,000 00	{ Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow.
Woodstock.....	Norman Williams Pub. Lib.....	1885	Yes	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.....	11,659	328	No	*2,720 00	Dr. E. H. Williams.

* Annually.

18 towns.

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No library.

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LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED IN 1899 AND 1900.

Since the publication of the last report the following towns have availed themselves of the advantage of the library law and have received the books from the State: Braintree, Cambridge, Essex, Fairfax, Jericho, Lincoln, Middletown Springs, Readsboro, Swanton, Townshend, Waitsfield, Wardsboro, West Haven, Weybridge, Whittingham. In all eighty-five towns have received the State aid. Two others at the last March meeting voted the required appropriation and elected the trustees, who received the necessary blanks from the secretary of the Commission, but have failed as yet to return them, though requested more than once to do so. Consequently no action can yet be taken by the Commission to procure for them the books furnished by the State. It is evident that a number of towns are without libraries to-day because of the indifference, negligence and possible hostility to a free library of those duly elected to care for its interests.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

While it is doubtless true that some of the libraries already established have suffered from lack of proper care, it is also true that this number is very small indeed, and that almost all of the libraries have been well cared for and have gathered about themselves many friends and a strong and ever-increasing interest for their support. Six libraries report no appropriation for their maintenance by the town. In two cases an increased endowment has made such appropriation unnecessary. More than three-fourths of the libraries report financial help secured by friends through various means, ranging all the way from lectures and readings to baseball games and foot races. The aggregate amount thus raised during the last two years is more than \$2,000.

A circular of inquiry was mailed to every library in the State, and the information thus obtained has furnished the material for this report. In addition to this, letters have been sent to many of the towns, addressed to citizens qualified to judge intelligently and impartially of the progress, influence and value of the public library and the sentiment of the people regarding it. The replies to these letters have been gratifying in the extreme, indicating as they do, a strong growth of the library sentiment and testifying to the most beneficial influence of even the smallest of these free libraries. From one of the towns with a library of less than 500 volumes was received a letter written by one who opposed the establishment of the library. It reads in part as follows: "I now believe fully in the library. It is one of the most powerful agencies for good in our town. The character of our population has greatly changed in the last twenty-five years, more than one-half now being of foreign descent. They are fast becoming readers of good books. In fact the French-Canadians are among the library's most constant patrons."

Less than thirty of the libraries were able to report definitely upon the number of books loaned during the last two years. The reports received, however, show a substantial increase in the number issued in 1899 over those of 1898. Especially is this true in the departments of children's books and travel.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

The last two years have been notable for the gifts made to libraries in the line of new buildings, endowment funds and books. It is a hopeful sign that wealth, gilded by a philanthropic spirit, is more and more finding in the free library a field for the accomplishment of unbounded good. The "distinguished son" gives to his native town a free library and thereby erects a memorial of his philanthropy, loyalty and sound judgment, whose possibilities for good are practically unlimited. The instances of such benefactions are fortunately becoming more and more frequent. May their number continue to increase. The amount of the gifts, large and small, for the benefit of libraries, that have been made or have become available since the publication of the last report is more than \$175,000.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

All the large secondary schools have well selected and growing libraries adapted to their needs, generally strong in reference books. A few of these libraries are free to the public. Many of the public libraries make special provision for teachers and school children, and one of the most hopeful conditions of the times in the cause of popular education is the co-operation and closeness of touch between the school and the library. The same spirit that fosters one promotes the other. One grows as the other prospers.

TOWNS WITHOUT FREE LIBRARIES.

One hundred twenty-nine (129) towns, containing not over one-third of the population, and one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the state, are without a free public library, and ninety-seven (97) with practically no public library. In a few of these there are semi-public libraries, supported in various ways which in some inadequate measure furnish reading for the people. To each of these towns, besides the general information blank, was sent the following inquiry addressed to a citizen presumably thoroughly acquainted with the condition and interests of his town and whose information would be reliable:

"If there is no free public library in your town, have any efforts recently (within the last five years) been made to establish one?

Please give a concise account of such efforts, if any, and why they were unsuccessful."

The replies to these inquiries throw much light upon the real condition of affairs in these towns as affecting the possibility of establishing and maintaining a library. Possibly no better summary of the information thus obtained can be given than would be presented by the publica-

tion of six of these replies, verbatim, barring the omission of such names and references as would reveal their source. To do this could add nothing to their value and might do harm. For convenience of reference in commenting upon them they are numbered.

"1. An attempt will be made soon, probably next March, to establish a library, and I think we will be successful."

"2. We have no library. Under the State law we voted the required amount for two or three years in the town meeting and appointed the needed committee to carry into effect the vote of the town, but for some reason the committee never did their part and there the matter rested. There are some people here very anxious to have a town library. I think a vote of the town could be secured at any town meeting making the appropriation needed."

"3. The failure is due to the division of population. Those living in the smaller districts being jealous of the advantages of what is now a village containing at least two-thirds of the inhabitants of the town."

"4. Lack of interest in the matter. If the right kind of person would take the matter in hand many of the people would fall into line."

"5. Unsuccessful because public sentiment was not sufficiently aroused and educated. Therefore ignorance, false economy and prejudice voted it down."

"6. There are but two men in town who are not in debt, and taxes have been high the past few years. So we have done nothing about a library."

Less than one-half of the towns without libraries report any effort to establish one. The six replies printed practically classify those without free libraries. No. 1 represents by far the largest class and seems to indicate that there is still an ample and promising field for the operation of the present library law. Reports similar to No. 2 were received from six towns with grand lists varying from \$8,500 to \$2,000, and a population of from 1,400 to 500. One of these voted an appropriation of \$150. From another a clergyman writes as follows: "I have 1,500 or 2,000 volumes that I would give, if the proper steps were taken." The remedy for these towns would seem to be in the hands of the towns themselves to apply. Elect such trustees as will perform their duties.

The objection stated in No. 3 ought to be dispelled by the fact that a number of the existing libraries are maintaining, with great success and satisfaction to their patrons, branches in the different villages of the town. Section 887 on page 7 of this report provides for such action.

Nos. 4 and 5 indicate that there is still in Vermont a good field for a "campaign of education" on the part of those interested in the establishment of free public libraries.

No. 6 represents a class of towns with small population and grand list unable to properly maintain a library, whose benefits they peculiarly need. This need can best be met, it would seem, by the traveling library which has already done such efficient work in a few of the Vermont towns. Its methods, advantages and worth are set forth in the succeeding pages.

[Papers Read at the State Federation of Woman's Clubs held at Lyndonville, October 19, 1899.]

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

BY MRS. W. P. SMITH.

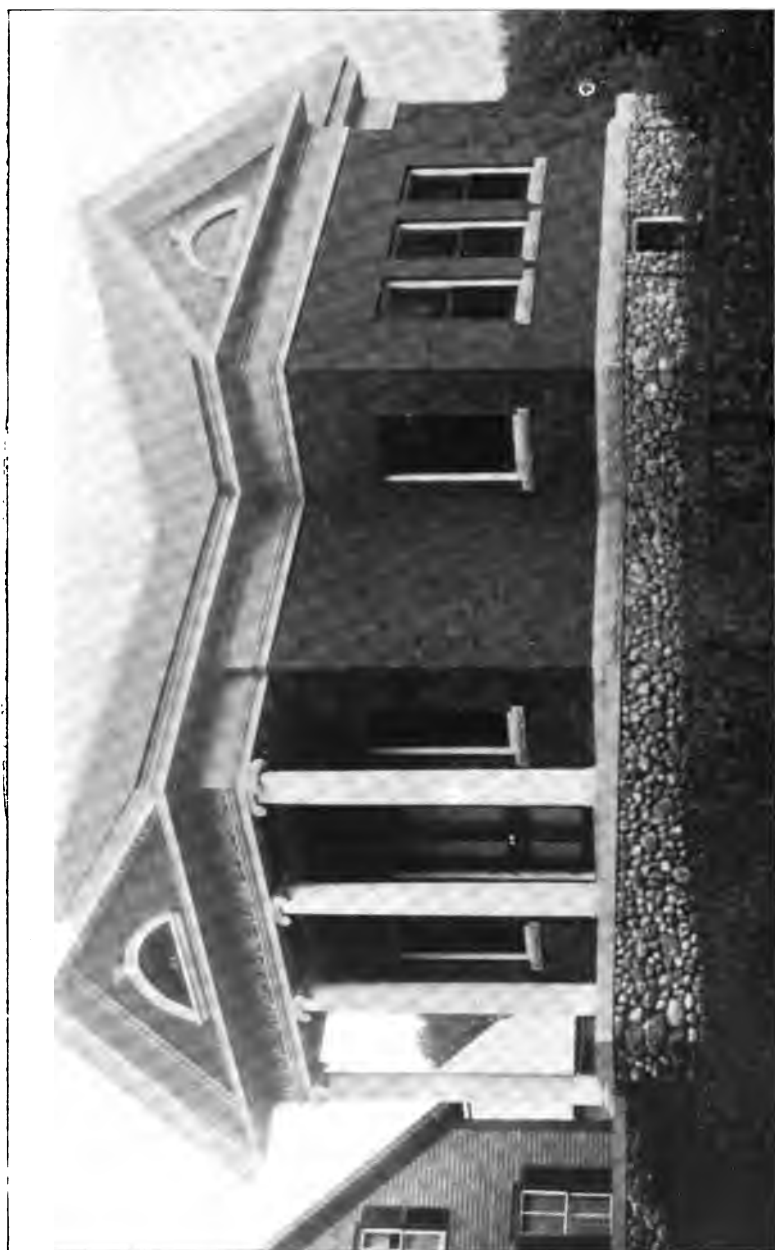
You have all been made aware by the report you have just heard, and by the letters which during the summer were written each club, of the great desire on the part of your committee that an effort should be made to interest the state of Vermont in the subject of traveling libraries. I say the State of Vermont advisedly; for that is exactly the object we have in view—our ultimate end and aim.

We wish to interest the delegates and other friends present here, who shall in turn interest their clubs, who shall interest their own communities and the press of their own vicinities, who shall finally interest and move upon the Legislature of Vermont at its session in 1900 to make an appropriation for the purchase of traveling libraries. It is a large work which we have on our hands, and the time is short, so it behooves us to prepare ourselves for immediate action if we hope to accomplish this result.

I said we first wish to interest you who are present. You doubtless are now interested, and must be acquainted with the history of the traveling library movement. But allow me to relate again some of the facts in your hearing, with the hope that their repetition may increase your interest and strengthen your faith in the movement.

First, let me speak of the New York system, which seems to me the best where it is practicable. New York was the pioneer in the movement, which is still young. In 1892, through the efforts of Mr. Melvil Dewey, director of the New York State library, the state of New York made an appropriation for the purchase of books to be loaned to institutions and groups of taxpayers on payment of a nominal fee. His plan includes a system of central control and supervision of small collections of popular books to be sent from point to point, kept in charge of responsible persons, and circulated freely among the residents of each locality. In the first year 46 libraries were sent out. The demand for them so increased that in the fifth year the number had grown from 46 to 447.

These libraries are carefully chosen by expert librarians, and are made up of the choicest and freshest publications. A large number of the books sent must necessarily be works of fiction if the interest of the average borrower be sustained. Care is taken to provide only the very best and most wholesome stories, and to adapt them to the age and requirements of those to whom they are sent. In this respect the influence of the traveling libraries is certainly uplifting and invigorating, if not distinctly educational. A growing interest in biography, history, economics, science and art has been noted and fostered by the management, and many books in these departments are continually being purchased and sent out. Some entire libraries are made up of



THE GILBERT A. DAVIS LIBRARY BUILDING, READING (FELCHVILLE), VT., 1899.



these subjects, to the exclusion of fiction altogether, and special collections sent to study clubs throughout the state are doing a real educational work. The traveling libraries may be sent to local libraries desiring to supplement their liberal collections, to schools, to university extension circles, or reading clubs, as well as to small hamlets or rural communities. In places where there is no public library to be responsible for the books, in order to get a traveling library it is necessary for 25 taxpayers to make application for the library, to make proper guarantee against loss or damage, and to pay a fee of five dollars. The cost of transportation is borne by the state. There is abundant testimony of the success of the system which is regarded as an important adjunct of the state's system of instruction.

Perhaps some might say that New York, with its Hamiltonian system of education centering in the regents of the university of the state, could manage such a plan better than some other states having a different system. But we have the state of Michigan, the best example of the Jeffersonian system, equally successful with its traveling libraries. Michigan adopted the New York plan with various modifications in 1895 and is now circulating 100 libraries of 50 volumes each. The state librarian declares that in no other state institution has the same amount of good been done with so small an expenditure.

Iowa in 1896 inaugurated a similar system with an appropriation of \$4,000 which has sufficed to purchase and circulate 50 libraries, while at the present time applications are on file for 200. In Iowa, in two years 40 permanent libraries were organized as the direct result of visits from traveling libraries. This New York system has been adopted in Ohio also, and one or two other states. (Since writing the above I see that New Jersey has begun the good work with the purchase of 20 libraries.) Why should it not be further extended? "The state trains people to read and then leaves the quality of their reading to chance. It gives them an expensive schooling, for a few years, and then when a few cents per capita will enable them to carry on the education for years, it neglects them." There are only a few states, however, which have been generous and far-sighted enough to inaugurate this educational movement, but there are many more in which the same work has been done through private beneficence.

The story of the work in Wisconsin is most interesting. Hon. J. H. Stout, a citizen of one of the western counties, seeing the remote country districts in his part of the state were destitute of books, undertook to supply at his own expense a group of libraries of 30 volumes each, for circulation in Dunn county. He first sent out sixteen libraries in his county, but at the end of the year he was compelled to add twenty more to supply the active demand. A special effort was made to place the library station in the very poorest and most destitute portion of the county. The cross roads, rather than the villages, were sought as centers of influence. It was found that in those places the libraries were quite as highly valued as in the more populous neighborhoods.

Mr. Stout's enterprise is not the only one of the kind in Wisconsin. There is other private work of the same sort, and in at least three Wisconsin counties, the organizations of women's clubs support systems

of traveling libraries. "In all this," says the report, "nothing is more significant than the eagerness with which all classes and all grades of intelligence welcome the libraries, and the zest with which they read them. In one village, the local clergyman is the moving spirit; in another the village barber; often it is the district school mistress; not infrequently the prosperous farmer or his wife. Of the 100 traveling libraries now at work in Wisconsin no other seems to be doing so much good as one in a little hamlet in Wood county where the librarian is section boss on the railroad."

Let me quote still further the summing up of the matter.

1. The traveling library makes good literature accessible, and often a constant temptation, in communities where there are few distractions and no other similar educational forces for any but the younger children.

2. It puts the control of the reading of numbers of people in the hands of persons who have the library experience of the world at their command, while the literary tastes of their readers are forming.

3. It is economical. There is no expense for local rent, for fuel, light, or librarian's salary. Books are bought at lowest prices.

4. It keeps continual interest in the books by frequent exchanges, and the prospect of a near exchange keeps each family alert to learn about the best books and to get them promptly.

5. The library stations form new centers for the up-building of a better social and intellectual life.

To sum up briefly; The traveling library gives an abundant supply of wholesome literature to the people of small communities at a slight cost, and not only excites their interest in such literature, but confines their reading to it until their tastes are formed. It is a free day and night school which does not close on Saturdays or Sundays or for long vacations. It instructs, inspires and amuses the old as well as the young, and its curriculum is so broad that it helps the housewife in the kitchen, the husbandman in the field, the mechanic in his shop, the teacher in her school, the invalid in the sickroom, the boy in his play, and the citizen in his civic duties. It leaves no room for bad literature and keeps it from circulating without resort to threats by the most natural and wholesome methods.

I mentioned the fact that in Wisconsin the women's clubs were interesting themselves in this work. The federations of New Jersey, Georgia, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oregon, Washington and Kentucky have started systems. The Women's Educational Association of Massachusetts have 25 such libraries in that state. The association called the Cheerful Letter Exchange in Massachusetts has gone beyond the boundaries of its own state and sent two libraries into Vermont. Is it not high time the women of Vermont were aroused to do something themselves?

I do not need to say more to show you that now there is nothing experimental in the scheme, and no one will raise any question about the need of this work in our own State. There are in Vermont 243 towns. Of these more than 100 have no library privileges of any sort, and in many towns where libraries exist they are practically inaccessible.

ible to the little hamlets and villages remote from the centers. How are these places to be reached? As I told you in the beginning, we hope that the next legislature may be induced to make an appropriation for the purpose. But the most generous gift we can hope for will be far inadequate to meet the need. Moreover we are by no means sure that the legislature will be willing to make any appropriation at all. The experience of the past has shown us that our legislators are not always awake to advance movements on educational lines. Why not begin the good work ourselves? Would it not surely aid in accomplishing our end to have some successful experience of our own to which we could point when the matter comes up for discussion at Montpelier? I know what some of you are ready to answer. We have no money. Well, the cost of a traveling library of 30 volumes would be thirty dollars. I doubt if there is a single club represented here to-day to which thirty dollars is an impossibility. If the smaller clubs are not able to raise it among their own members, they could solicit it outside from generous friends. If a whole library seems too much for one club to buy, let two or more combine to buy one together. The larger clubs would not hesitate one moment over a spread for themselves or their gentlemen friends, which would cost thirty dollars. Why not do without this display one year, treat our friends to plain living but high thinking, and buy a traveling library with our thirty dollars?

I submit to you the question, which would bring most respect and honor to the club, the banquet which is quickly consumed and more quickly forgotten, or the books which will furnish many hours of profit and pleasure to hungry and needy minds? And unlike the banquet of material food, the repast may be spread again and again and yet it is not consumed.

Money is saved by purchasing the books in quantity. They should also be purchased by a librarian who is skilled in such matters and knows what the popular demand is. Fresh and taking books are necessary to make the library a success.

Another point to be carefully considered is the placing of the library, so much depends upon the zeal and interest of the librarian. The Wisconsin experiment showed that the postoffices were often the best places, and postmasters were generally very ready to act as librarians. A postoffice is open every day in the week, is often the common center for three or four districts, and the postmasters are accustomed to keeping records.

It is very natural for us all to allow our vision to be bounded by our present horizon, and never move where we can peep beyond. We are so impressed with the great work to be done for ourselves, and our immediate vicinity, that we fail to get a glimpse of what lies just outside. Am I making too broad a statement when I say that this federation has no excuse for existence unless we combine to do work which shall conduce to the general welfare of the State of Vermont? What one thing could we do which would bring greater good to a greater number than to purchase ten traveling libraries and put them into circulation?

We who live in the towns find it impossible to realize the dearth

of good reading matter in our country districts and the narrow lives which are lived by many of the women and children in the "gray cabins of New England."

Fairly pitiful are the tales related by our young women who go back into the country district to teach, of the absence of any mental stimulus in many of the homes. Says Rebecca Harding Davis, "The cities of New England are full of noble men and women who use their influence and money for Freedmen, the Indians, the lepers in India, and the nihilists in Siberian mines. Can they do nothing to free these starved and confined lives at home?" This ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone.

In closing I would like to make two practical suggestions to this body.

First: that a central committee be appointed by this federation who shall have the entire charge of the purchase, management and placing of such libraries as we shall provide for.

I make this suggestion of a central committee because I hope the work may be done in the name of the Vermont federation. To this committee may be sent such funds as each club may be able to furnish. All libraries shall bear upon their cases and be known by the names of their donors: as, for instance, The Lyndonville Woman's Club Library. The donors may expect a report of the good their own library is doing.

The central committee shall formulate certain regulations, and when the libraries are ready make known in some public way, that they will be sent upon demand to such as make application for them and comply with their simple regulations.

My second suggestion is that this federation appoint a second committee whose duty it shall be to arouse the press of the State to interest in this movement; to collect definite information concerning the laws prevailing in such States as have legislated on this subject; to disseminate useful information among such senators and representatives as shall be elected next September. Their mission in short is to arouse public sentiment. This committee might be five or seven in number representing different sections of the State.

With these two recommendations I leave the matter with you. Every one of you must be a missionary in this cause. You are now warmed and enthusiastic I dare to hope, but when you meet your clubs it will depend upon you whether they become warm and enthusiastic too.

How Vermont Woman's Clubs may help the Library Commission.

BY MISS MARY L. TITCOMB.

I have been asked to say a word to you to-day on "How the Vermont Woman's Clubs can help the Library Commission," but perhaps it will not be amiss if I first tell you something of the establishment, scope and object of the Commission. In 1894, the Hon. L. D. Hazen,

of St. Johnsbury, incited thereto by the trustees and librarian of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, introduced a bill before the Legislature which provided for the appointment by the Governor of a board of five library commissioners who were to have a general supervision of the library interests of the state of Vermont. Their work was to be largely advisory; they were to hold themselves in readiness to answer questions and to give advice as to methods, management, maintenance and establishment of libraries, in short to constitute themselves library missionaries for the state. The bill also provided that any town which voted to establish a public library, appointed a board of five trustees, and voted to appropriate annually a certain per cent on their grand list, should be entitled to one hundred dollars worth of books from the state. The selection and purchase of these books was also left to the Library Commissioners. During the two years following the passage of this bill, sixty towns took advantage of the law. At the present time there are eighty-four towns in the state which have libraries which are the result of this law, conclusive evidence that the state was ripe for a measure of the kind. Perhaps you will see more clearly what the establishment of these libraries means, if I tell you that to-day there are only twenty-nine free libraries in the state which have not received aid under this law. To make an end of statistics, which, though necessary, are always tiresome: there are now one hundred and thirty-four towns in the state which have no free library. Twenty-nine of these towns have libraries which are not free, being supported by subscription, or free to stockholders only.

Now we shall not be satisfied as a Commission until we can show an even better record than Massachusetts, which, with a law similar to our own, reports to-day only four towns within its borders which have not a free library. But in order to do the work which should be accomplished, we wish at the next session of the Legislature to ask for some further legislation in our favor. First, the Commission is greatly hampered in effectiveness by its lack of funds. Our present law allows only three hundred dollars annually for expenses and though the members of the board serve entirely without remuneration, you can readily see that such a sum does not permit of anything but the most rigid, and often the most unwise, economy. It is not seldom that we have to leave something undone which we feel would greatly further the work, simply because we cannot afford it. Then we consider that the time has come when the traveling library should be introduced to supplement the work already begun in the smaller towns, and to arouse other towns to an interest in the establishment of a library.

Let me show you just why the travelling library is exactly what we need at this point in our work. The amount which the state requires for the yearly support of a library is very small; namely, not less than fifty dollars if its grand list is ten thousand dollars and upwards; not less than twenty-five dollars if its grand list is below ten thousand and over twenty-five hundred dollars, and not less than fifteen dollars if its grand list falls below twenty-five hundred dollars. Most of the libraries established fall within the fifteen and twenty-five dollar rate. Of the eighty-four towns on our list only eight have grand lists sufficiently

large to require them to appropriate fifty dollars. You will at once see that however small the town, or however great the economy and philanthropy of the librarian, who in most instances gives her services, a library cannot thrive on this sum and other means must be devised to keep it alive.

I once heard a distinguished divine remark that the principal income of the churches in Vermont was derived from church suppers, sales, entertainments, etc. The same remark might be made with equal truth of the libraries of the state. One town sets aside the Fourth of July as Library Day, and the proceeds from the foot ball game, the potato race, and all the other features of the time-honored Fourth of July programme go to swell the funds of the library. From this original method of raising money, we run the whole gamut of suppers, sales, dramatic entertainments, etc., with once in a while good fortune in the shape of a summer visitor. But only the larger of the small towns can resort successfully to these methods. Many of the towns are really too small to have entertainments, and it is useless to ask for more than the absolutely required sum at the annual town meeting. On the whole, Vermont is a well-to-do state, but still we have many towns so poor that if a spring freshet should carry away a bridge, the town fathers would have to bond the town, in order to raise fifty dollars with which to repair it. Now what can be done to help these little libraries? The answer comes from the experience of other states which have proved that the traveling library system is the best to keep these struggling libraries alive, as well as to encourage other small towns to establish them. For the furtherance of this object we are looking to you for help. All over the country the Woman's Clubs are doing just this work. To-day, if any state wishes to establish a library commission the first thing to do is to interest the State Federation. In Indiana a bill recently passed the legislature providing for a Commission and I think you will be interested to hear how it was accomplished, and so I am going to read you an extract from a paper read by Miss Browning of the Indianapolis Public Library at the meeting of the American Library Association held at Atlanta, Ga., last spring. The paper is entitled "How Woman's Clubs may help the Library Movement" and is very suggestive, but I will only quote a small part. "In June, 1897, at the annual meeting of the Union of Clubs a resolution was offered 'That the president of the Union of Clubs appoint a committee of five, of which she should be one, to cooperate with the Library Association of Indiana in framing a law which shall secure to Indiana a Library Commission, and this committee to report progress at the next annual meeting of the Union of Clubs.'" The resolution was carried and a committee appointed.

The chairman and other members of the committee visited libraries, attended library association meetings, and wrote to those posted on the subject until they were well up in three things: What they knew they wanted, and thought the state ought to give them: what they thought the joint committee from the Union of Clubs and the Library Association might endorse, and what they hoped the General Assembly might grant. The first included a practically unlimited income—which they

knew they could never get. The second included more good points than the General Assembly could be expected to grant; and the last made a bold stand for a library commission, traveling libraries and the right of the citizens to vote to establish township libraries. . . .

The report of this committee to the Union of Clubs in 1898, was adopted "and the same committee was continued with instructions to draft a bill along the lines laid down in the report and get it before the General Assembly which would meet during the following winter. Thereupon began six months of hard labor on the part of the committee and its friends. They wrote to the clubs and sent copies of the report to their secretaries explaining the bill that was to be presented to the General Assembly, asking each club in the federation to see to it that a strong committee was appointed to instruct their representatives as to their wishes in this matter as soon as they were elected: and even before the election to talk to the candidates, and if possible to get pledges beforehand making the library commission bill a local issue. Immediately after the election, before they had time to forget that this was the same bill they had just heard about, the club committee sent them letters covering the same ground and asking for their support. The county newspapers were besieged in the same manner, and club women who were known to be good workers were written to personally and their services enlisted in the cause." Miss Browning then recounts some of the difficulties they encountered, with which it is not necessary that I should take your time. Suffice it to say that they accomplished their object, and Indiana to-day has a library commission.

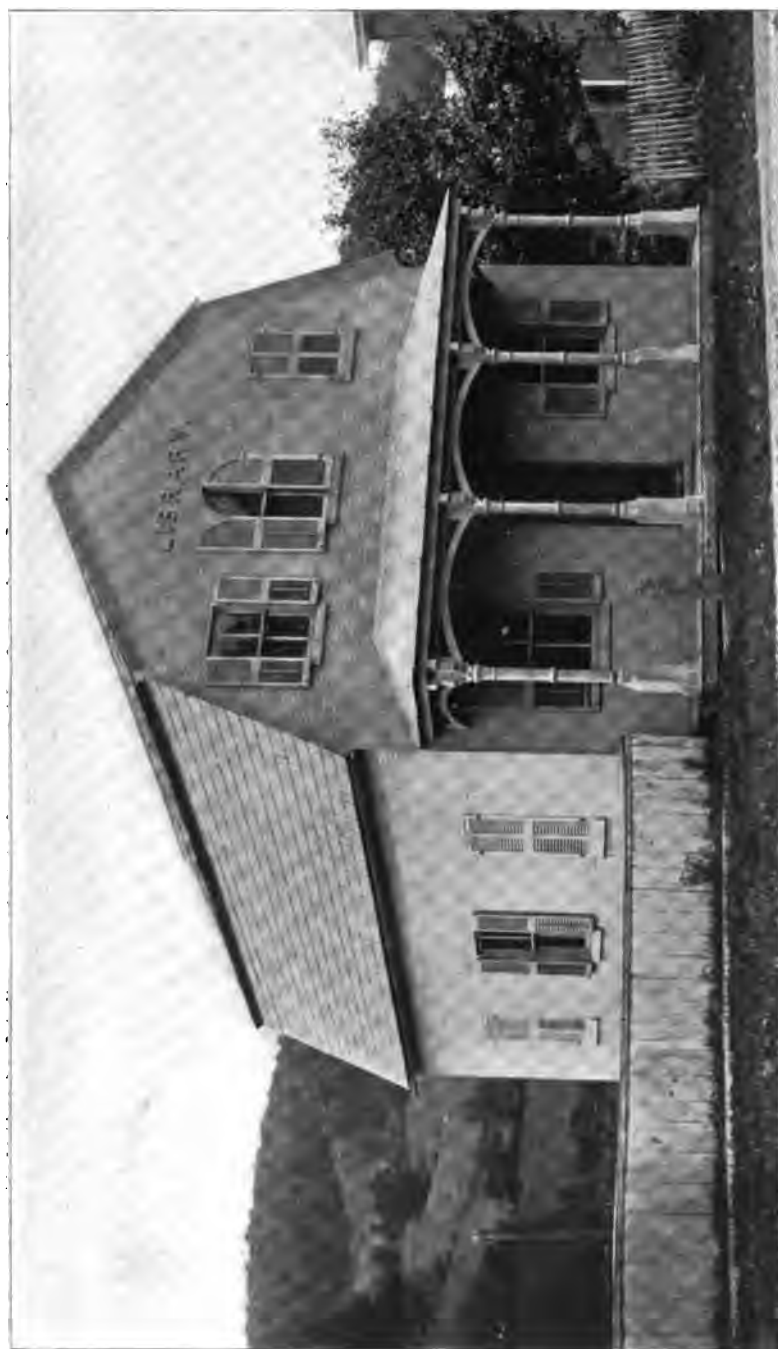
Now something similar to this might be done I think previous to the meeting of the legislature at Montpelier next year. I hope that the discussion which is to follow this meeting will develop a willingness on your part to organize in some such way as did the Indiana clubs. If you do I have not much doubt of the result. In the meantime, one of the immediate things that you can do, is for each branch of the federation to pledge themselves to send out one or more traveling libraries this year that we may have an object lesson for the legislature.

Supposing each club in your federation should gather up books, or raise money to equip at least one traveling library, what a help it would be to the movement. And how much good it might accomplish! I have in mind a little library that was established this year. The tax of fifteen dollars was all exhausted in the necessary preparations so that they had only the state grant of books, and two weeks after the reception of these, the minister of the place who is also the chairman of the board of trustees, writes me saying, "In the two weeks since our library has been opened we have issued fifty-seven borrowers cards. As we had only ninety-seven books to begin with, you can judge how our shelves look!" He then goes on to say that the interest is increasing and that he thinks there will be no difficulty in inducing the voters to appropriate more than the absolutely necessary sum at the next town meeting if they can devise ways and means to keep it alive until then. In a case like this, what a help it would be if one of your branches could send them twenty-five or fifty books to tide them

over until the next town meeting. I could multiply examples of places in which we could use these libraries to advantage, but I will not take your time because there is another matter I wish to speak about in which you could be a great help to the Commission.

We, of the Commission, all believers in free libraries, hope that you also are convinced that it is only through the absolutely free distribution of books that the greatest good can be accomplished. Some of you may perhaps live in towns, or may have in your mind, places which have libraries which are supported by subscription, or are free to stockholders only. In some places the location of the library and the difficulty of so arranging matters that all parts of the town shall benefit alike, is responsible for the fact that the library has not been made free. Others have been deterred by the fear that if the library should fall into the hands of the town, politics would interfere with its usefulness. A study of the last report of the Commission will, I think, convince you that in many cases these obstacles have been successfully overcome. Neither is it always necessary that the library should be given to the town. Often it may be made free, and gladly supported by a vote of the people, while the management remains in the hands of the trustees, or of an association. We have a law upon our statute book providing for just such cases. It is not the ownership of the books that I am anxious about, but only that every one should have free access to them. And here, you can help us by your influence. The theory that what one pays nothing for, becomes of no value in the owner's eyes, may be true in most cases, but certainly the free library is the exception that proves the rule. That "earth gets its price for what earth gives us," may be true of most things, but should be no more true of healthful inspiring books than of the sunshine and air, the fragrance of the flowers, the splendor of the autumnal tints, or any of the soft influences of nature.

I have refrained from speaking to you of the need of libraries in our small towns because I have felt that to be an almost foregone conclusion, but there is one phase of the question which has been so impressed upon me in connection with my work on the Commission that I must just allude to it. It is this, that in some, yes, in many of our towns where the state library goes, it is an even more potent factor for good than the church itself can be. The reaction from the stern doctrines of our Puritan ancestors has brought with it a condition of rationalism most difficult to deal with. It will not last, the pendulum will soon swing back, for the progress of the ages though sometimes retarded, is never stopped; but just now we have, first, the small town with its struggling church or churches, kept together by a handful of the faithful, while the majority care nothing for the church or what it represents, and then we have also many towns which have absolutely no religious influence brought to bear upon them, whose people only see a minister when some one is married or when some one dies. The older generation, bred in the doctrines of their fathers, have thrown aside the teachings which shadowed their childhood, while the younger people have not even tradition to influence them. They simply do not care. But for them, as for the Scotch, the printed book holds the key



HARRIS LIBRARY, STRAFFORD, VT.



LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, THETFORD, VT.



to the good things in life. You have yet to find the Vermonter, however illiterate he may be himself, or however unambitious he may seem, who does not want his boy or his girl to have a chance. And "to have a chance" in nine cases out of ten, means access to knowledge or to books as the source of knowledge.

Looked at in this way, the worker in the library field is almost overwhelmed by the greatness of the opportunity for good through the means of the free library. Wholesome, well selected books, books not only for the gathering of knowledge, or for amusement, but also books which carry with them an atmosphere of healthful inspiration, like some lives we all know, unconsciously preaching the sweet gospel of service to man, must of necessity lead to a better knowledge of service to God. I need not urge your cooperation in a work like this, for I know that when once your attention is called to the need and the opportunity, you will be eager and glad to be a part of what is one of the great upward movements of the time.

Traveling Libraries.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF VERMONT FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS.

The library committee of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs have been working to introduce the traveling library movement into Vermont. The subject was presented at the state meeting at Lyndonville in October, 1899, in two papers; one on traveling libraries in general, and the other on the topic "How can traveling libraries aid the commission?" As a result of this movement the committee has received money for the purchase of eight libraries, and books to constitute four more. These at present writing are as follows:

The Lyndon Woman's Club library, at Jamaica.

Barre library, at East Barre.

Daughters of Vermont library, at Worcester.

Morrisville Woman's Club library, at Moretown.

Rutland Fortnightly library, at Sudbury.

St. Johnsbury Woman's Club library, at East Barnet.

The committee has still in its hands not quite ready to go out Lyndonville Shakespeare Club library, St. Albans library, Rutland Federated Clubs library, St. Johnsbury Woman's Club library No. 2, Grosvener library, Peabody library. The libraries average thirty volumes, though two contain fifty. Those selected by the committee have had twelve volumes fiction, nine volumes children's books, and nine volumes miscellaneous. They have been sent upon application to towns having no library privileges. The only expense to the recipient is the cost of transportation. So much for what has been accomplished. Now as to the future.

What we wish is that the legislature appropriate a certain sum to be used for the purchase of further libraries and that the care of the

same be made a part of the commission's work. The number of applications received by the committee indicate that there is a demand for the libraries.

There are three classes of towns in our state in which the traveling library has a mission.

First. Those towns having a grand list too small to yield an income sufficient for the support of a free library.

Second. Those towns having a free library, but which contain several scattered hamlets which cannot conveniently avail themselves of its privileges.

Third. Those towns in which libraries have been established on the fifteen or twenty-five dollar rate. Of these there are many. The commission has on its list eighty-four towns of which only eight have grand lists sufficiently large to require them to appropriate fifty dollars. The loan of a case of fresh books every six months to these little libraries will do everything to foster an interest in them.

I know of no way in which a thousand dollars could be made to do more good in Vermont than in aid of this movement. We bespeak your interest and help.

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Braintree.—The Braintree Public Library was established in 1900. It is a free public library, supported by an annual tax of \$25. Miss Elgiva Pratt is librarian.

Burlington.—*Library of the University of Vermont.*—Among the valuable gifts received during the last two years are the following:

A choice collection of books and pamphlets relating to the civil war from General Rush C. Hawkins, LL.D., of New York city. This comprises over 1,700 volumes, and includes histories general and special, biographies, military criticism, general orders, rosters, war stories, lampoons, war poetry, southern school books, etc., etc. This is arranged in a separate room for convenience of consultation.

A friend whose name is withheld has given the Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, of which 68 volumes are already published. This great work is simply indispensable to the student of early North American history. It is also a lasting monument to the Christian zeal and dauntless courage of the Jesuit missionaries.

By the generosity of a few friends of the Hon. L. E. Chittenden (of New York) and of the University, that gentleman's large collection of books and pamphlets relating to Vermont—the result of fifty years' zealous search—was added to the already extensive holdings of the University in the same department. This addition embraces over 2,600 titles, and with most of the other Vermont documents and literature is placed in a special alcove. Mr. Chittenden's engravings and works on engraving are also worthy of mention. A copy of Jackson's Treatise on Wood Engraving, extended to four thick volumes by the insertion of over 1,000 illustrations selected and mounted by Mr. Chittenden's own hand, will interest all admirers of the graver's art.

Just before commencement in 1899 there was received from B. F. Stevens, L. H. D., of London, a consignment of 2,845 volumes. This is to be known as the Stevens-Whittinghams gift, as it consists in large part of the volumes printed by the famous house of the Whittinghams during nearly a hundred years. Mr. Stevens married a daughter of the younger Whittingham, and was for many years a partner in the Chiswick Press. This adds materially to the English literature side of the library and supplies many rare old volumes, with numerous treatises on "the art preservative."

One hundred and sixty volumes of agricultural papers were presented by Russell Wales Taft of Burlington, class of 1898.

Nearly 400 volumes, chiefly theological, have been given by the sons of Rev. M. N. Hutchinson, late of Burlington.

Numerous other donors have made valuable contributions. Of special interest to all Vermonters is a portrait of General Ira Allen, founder of the State University, and co-founder of the State of Vermont. This is

a very satisfactory copy by Thomas W. Wood, of New York and Montpeller, of an exquisite miniature supposed to have been made in Paris.

The present number of volumes already shelved is 57,000; about 3,000 (not duplicates) are not yet accessioned.

The library is open, in term time, continuously from 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m., and for a time every Sunday afternoon; in vacations, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 4 p. m.

Persons not belonging to the University are welcome (under the necessary rules) to use the library for reading and consultation. Books are loaned only to those who are known, or properly vouched for, to the library authorities.

Cambridge.—The Cambridge Town Library was established with State aid January 27, 1900. It maintains two branches, one at Jeffersonville and the other at Cambridge. It is open Saturdays from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. It contains 250 volumes. Linus Leavens, chairman of the board of trustees, is librarian of the Cambridge branch. Miss Marion Page is librarian of the Jeffersonville branch.

Essex.—The Essex Free Library, established in March, 1899, by State aid, is supported by an annual appropriation of \$50. It is located at Essex Junction and maintains a branch at Essex Center. Both libraries are open Saturdays from 2 to 5 o'clock and from 6.30 to 9 o'clock p. m. S. A. Brownell is librarian and J. S. Reynolds secretary and treasurer.

Fairfax.—Fairfax Free Library was established with State aid March 1899, opened August, 1899, and is supported by an annual appropriation of \$25 and funds raised in various ways by the citizens. It is open Mondays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p. m. Librarian is Eliza I. Purmort.

Greensboro.—Mr. H. S. Tolman is erecting entirely at his own expense a building suitable in size, finish and equipment for the needs of a good library of many hundreds of volumes. The building is upon a lot belonging to Mr. Tolman, pleasantly and most conveniently located with reference to the centers of business of the village. The building will be finished in hardwood, well lighted, provided with shelves adequate for all possible immediate needs, and with ample room for more book shelves whenever they may be required. The cost, together with the grading of the lot, will probably be about \$1,000. Mr. Tolman has made no public declaration of what disposition he intends to make of the building, but it is generally understood that if the town of Greensboro will take favorable action in regard to maintaining a library, it will be for the use of such library upon terms entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

Jericho.—Jericho Town Library was established in March, 1899, with State aid and an annual appropriation by the town of \$25, and now contains three hundred and fifty (350) volumes. The library is kept in dwelling houses in the three villages of the town, and is open one day in the week from 3 to 8 p. m. Librarian, Mrs. Jennie W. Hart; President of Trustees, L. F. Wilbur.

Lincoln.—Lincoln Free Library, established in March, 1900, with State aid and a town appropriation of \$25. The Ladies' Aid Society

gave a small library and a suitable room. They also maintain a reading room in connection with the library. The library is open Saturdays from 2 to 9 p. m. Miss Edna C. Bristol is librarian, J. S. Dodge chairman of the board of trustees.

Ludlow.—The Fletcher Memorial Library at Ludlow is being erected by Allen M. Fletcher in memory of his father, S. A. Fletcher, Sr. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy about December 1st. The building is of pressed brick and Indiana limestone. The interior will contain two reading rooms, a large hall or delivery room, and a librarian's room, with a stack room, which will have a capacity for 18,000 volumes. About 7,000 volumes have already been purchased and are being classified and arranged in anticipation of the completion of the building. It is the intention of the donor, that not only Ludlow, but the surrounding towns shall have the privileges of the library.

Middlebury.—*College Library.*—While the establishment of the Middlebury College Library occurred some months prior to the incorporation of the college in the year 1800, its real efficiency as an educational factor in the college and community may be referred to the year 1881. Beginning with that year a period of progress commenced with the removal of the library into more commodious quarters in the north division of Painter Hall, the establishment of daily instead of weekly opening hours, followed by free access to the shelves, the adoption of a card catalogue, the employment of an assistant librarian in daily attendance, the establishment of a reading room with a selection of the best of the current periodicals on the tables, a classification and rearrangement of many departments of the library, the granting of the privileges of the library to others than those connected with the college. These, and other progressive steps, have naturally resulted in a largely increased use of the library, especially by the student body and the teachers and pupils of the local high school.

The number of volumes in the library, exclusive of pamphlets, is now about 24,000; and the annual circulation, some 4,800 volumes.

The officials are Professor C. B. Wright, librarian, and an assistant librarian who is in daily attendance. During the greater part of the past year, in order to afford the assistant librarian more time for other work, the delivery desk has been in charge of three student-assistants, who have alternated in their attendance at the desk.

The centennial celebration of the college, at its last commencement, July 1-5, 1900, was of especial interest in consequence of subscriptions of money and books for the increase of the library, and above all, the dedication to its uses, July 3, of the Egbert Starr Library building. This event was the fruition of the hopes expressed in the last biennial report. A bequest of \$50,000 from Egbert Starr of New York city, provided for the erection of the building. It stands on the college campus southeast of Starr hall, facing the north. Built of marble, in the classical style of architecture, simple and massive in its outlines, it presents a front of 70 feet with a pillared portico over the entrance in the centre. Massive double doors of polished oak open into the vestibule, on both sides of which are handsomely fitted retiring rooms. From the vestibule one passes into the lofty and ornately finished reference and read-

ing room, extending the entire width of the front by a depth of 22 feet. Shelved around the walls are the books for reference, and those in most common use in the various departments of college work. Directly opposite the entrance doors is the delivery desk in front of the passageway leading into the stack room. Doors on both sides of this passage open into rooms for the librarian and his assistants. The side walls of the passageway afford room for the card-catalogue cases and the librarian's reference books. The stack room is 32 feet wide and 50 feet deep, with a height of 30 feet from the basement floor, upon which is built the stack of two tiers of steel shelving of the most approved pattern. These tiers are each $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, leaving room for a third tier above them when the needs of the library demand it. The floor of the reference room is, of course, on a level with the floor of thick ground glass at the top of the lower tier. Aisles down the centre and at the sides give access to the shelves, which are well lighted by lofty windows placed opposite the spaces between the rows of shelves. Under the main building is a commodious cellar arranged for storage and work-room purposes and the heating apparatus. The entire building is lighted by electricity, and is heated by steam with direct radiation in the stack room, and indirect in the reading room. The book capacity of the building is 90,000 volumes.

It is the hope of those entrusted with its management that the occupation of the Egbert Starr Library building begins a new era in the progress and usefulness of the Middlebury College Library.

C. E. PRENTISS, .

Assistant Librarian.

Middlebury College Library, Middlebury, Vt., August 28, 1900.

Middletown Springs.—The Public Library of Middletown Springs was established March, 1899, with State aid and an appropriation by the town of \$80. It was open for circulation August 7, 1899. It has one hundred fifty-eight (158) volumes. Its circulation in 1899 was 786. It is open at all hours of the day, as the books are kept in a drug store. Dana S. Carpenter, librarian; Rev. H. L. Bailey, chairman of the board of trustees. There is also a ladies' circulating library in town, with nearly 100 volumes, the annual fee of which is \$1. Open Saturday afternoons.

Newfane.—The Newfane Library Association was organized in 18—. A small agricultural library and one or two other library associations were supported in Newfane previous to the establishment of the Moore Free Library, and one or more magazine clubs have generally been sustained in the town.

The Moore Free Library, incorporated October 12, 1898, opened October 29, 1898, was established by gift of Mrs. Philura C. Moore, widow of Franklin Moore of Newfane, in 1898. A beautiful wooden building, with large plate glass windows, was erected, at a cost of \$9,000, on the corner of Pleasant street, near the court house, and donated by Mrs. Moore, together with a library of about 2,100 volumes, to trustees, for the free use of all the inhabitants of Newfane. The building has an elegant reading room, supplied with suitable furniture and with the leading newspapers and magazines. There is an endowment fund of



WILDER CLUB AND LIBRARY. WILDER, VT.

\$2,000, also the gift of Mrs. Moore, the income of which is to be used towards the purchase of new books and subscriptions to periodicals. Mrs. Moore has also lately contributed a large number of new volumes to the use of the library.

The Newfane Library Association, having about 600 volumes, was disbanded after the organization of the Moore Free Library, and selections from their books donated to the latter, and donations from individuals have been received, so that the whole number of volumes, not including pamphlets and unbound books, is now about 2,500. A large part of the old library was contributed to the Wardsboro Town Library.

The Moore Library contains an unusually large proportion of solid reading. It includes a large number of scientific works and books of reference. The circulation in 1899 was 3,200 volumes.

Newport.—The following taken from a daily paper of September 2, 1899, gives a sketch of the Goodrich Memorial Library and an account of its dedication:

Newport, Vt., Sept. 1.—Notwithstanding the rain, which began this afternoon and continued all the evening, a large number gathered in Lane's opera house for the dedication exercises of the Goodrich Memorial Library.

Hon. Charles A. Prouty, for the trustees, made an eloquent and scholarly presentation address in turning over the library and its contents to the town of Newport. The response was made by Hon. C. F. Ranney in a fitting manner in behalf of the citizens.

Hon. F. A. Howland of Montpelier, a member of the state library commission, gave an instructive and historical address upon the origin and growth of the free town library system, which was listened to with marked attention.

After these exercises there was a reception at the library building, which was attended by a large number of the townspeople, who admired the beautiful building and its appointments, so well adapted for library purposes. Music was furnished by Blair's orchestra and the Percilla quartet.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings, slate roof with copper gutters, and is a handsome structure. The south and west projections extend about three feet above the cornice, the space being filled with fancy brickwork.

There is a frontage of 50 feet upon Main street and a length of 66 feet upon Field avenue, the building being two stories high with a round tower on the southwest corner 15½ feet in diameter and 66 feet to the summit. Over the front entrance is a granite tablet, with the words "Goodrich Memorial" in black letters upon it. The figures "18" and "98" appear upon the granite trimmings of the entrance.

The outer doors open into the corridor or main hall, 10 feet wide, and extending back to the stack room in the rear. At the right, as one goes in, is the children's reading room, 15½ by 18 feet, with toilet and cloak room off from it.

Farther on is another cloak room and then comes the librarian's room, 14 by 12 feet.

On the other side of the corridor is the main reading room, 20 by 25 feet. In the rear is the distributing counter and back of this the stack room 23 by 47½ feet.

Turning to the left the visitor reaches the stairway to the second story. At the left hand and directly over the stack room and of the same size is the assembly room, well lighted and commanding a fine view of Lake Memphremagog, with Bear mountain, Owls head and Mt Orford in the distance. This room will seat 150 persons.

Next is the trustees' room, corresponding to the librarian's room below, the conversation room and the art room, directly over the reading room. A broad hallway leads to all these rooms similar to the one below.

The basement contains the steam heating apparatus, packing room, storage room, coal bins, etc.

The first story is finished in antique quartered oak, except the stack room, which is in white pine. The trustees' room is in cypress, wainscotted; conversation room in hard pine, the hallway and art room in birch and the assembly room in native spruce.

The ceilings are of steel and the walls of paragon rock plaster, tinted, the floors being of hard pine, except the corridor, which is of variegated Swanton marble. The desks and chairs are of quartered oak, ornamental, in harmony with the surroundings. The stacks are of iron, with wooden shelves, and have a capacity for over 20,000 volumes. There are about 6,500 volumes in the library at present.

There are six mantels in various rooms, also pictures, statuary, and a fine collection of stuffed birds and animals in the upper hallway. In the reading room is a portrait of the donor, Converse G. Goodrich, done in India ink, also one of the finest collections of reference books in the state.

The building, furnishings, books, etc., including the services of Miss Mary L. Titcomb of Rutland, Vt., secretary of the state library commission, who classified and catalogued the books, cost about \$33,000. There remains of the estate nearly \$32,000 for an endowment fund, which will keep the library in good condition for many years to come.

The building is an ornament to Newport and is a fitting memorial to the donor and his estimable wife, both now dead.

Reading.—"The Gilbert A. Davis Library Building," the name placed upon the front, was erected in 1898-9 by Gilbert A. Davis and by him deeded in trust for the perpetual use of the inhabitants of Reading, and those living within the delivery of the Felchville postoffice. The building was formally opened and dedicated July 4, 1899, with a program of much interest and in the presence of a large audience.

The building stands on the west side of Main street in Felchville, is of brick with cobble foundation laid in cement, and on this is a belt of gray granite. It is in the form of a cross, 60 by 32 feet, one story high, with a basement for heating by a furnace and for storage purposes. The floors are of quartered oak and the inside walls and ceilings are of black ash, with exposed beams and overlays. The windows are of plate glass and provided with inside shutters. The interior is so arranged that with rolling doors, one, two or three rooms can be

used. The book room is in the rear and is provided with ample shelving, having plate glass doors.

The middle room is the reading room, is 32x24 feet and 12 feet high, well lighted and presents an attractive and cheerful appearance. The front is graced with four columns, supporting the roof, and over the main entrance we find "Reading Public Library."

The citizens and former residents have furnished the books, with the exception of the \$100 donated by the State, and the collection now numbers some 1,600 volumes. The accessions are frequent and valuable, and the books are extensively read. It is planned to have on the front memorial tablets to the memory of the soldiers of Reading.

Miss Minnie C. Fay is librarian. The trustees selected by the town are Dr. F. C. Morgan, Mrs. Ella Holden, Mrs. Mary Newton, Frank L. Holsington, and Geo. D. Burnham.

Readsboro.—What was formerly the Reading Club was organized in 1899 with State aid and a town appropriation under the name of the Readsboro Library Association. It has 454 volumes, is open daily at all hours, and issued during the last year three hundred and ninety-seven (397) books. Miss Lena Lesure is librarian.

St. Albans.—A library building is in process of construction to be known as the "Smith Memorial Building," and the original gift was from the late Hon. J. Gregory Smith, in whose will \$10,000 was bequeathed to the old town of St. Albans for a town library, and the sum of \$5,000 bequeathed to said town for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument.

It seemed to all parties interested that the combining of the legacies in a library building which should include a memorial hall in which suitable memorial tablets should be placed, would be more acceptable than the plan of dividing the funds. And the heirs have very generously increased the amount of the original gift sufficiently to complete the building and furnish a site for same, making the gift to the city and town about \$25,000.

The building is to contain a library and reading room on the first floor and a memorial hall for the use of the G. A. R. on the second floor.

The extreme outside dimensions are 47 feet by 56 feet 6 inches. The building is to be of red brick with Long Meadow sandstone and terracotta trimmings and cornice of specially moulded brick. Roof to be covered with black Northfield slate.

The underpinning and porch floor and steps are of black Isle La Motte marble, the underpinning being rockfaced.

This library will be finished in birch, with paneled ceiling, and for the present will contain book stacks capable of holding about 16,000 books. These stacks will be arranged at the north end of the room, which will be separated from the south end or reading room by the newspaper racks and the librarian's desk or delivery counter. A delivery window opening into the vestibule will enable the librarian to furnish books to any person who may desire, without their entering the reading room.

All the woodwork in the library and vestibule is to be stained to a mahogany finish.

The finish of the stairs and memorial hall is to be of brown ash finished in the natural, with cased beams in the ceiling, forming plastered panels, and in both the library and the memorial hall will be a large open fireplace with red brick mantel and tiling.

St. Albans (town of), makes annual appropriation for the support of the library in the city of St. Albans and has free use of its books.

Swanton.—The Swanton Free Library was established September 2, 1899, with State aid and the town appropriation of one hundred (\$100) dollars. Previous to that time the King's Daughters solicited funds and raised a little over two hundred dollars (\$200), so that the library opened with about 300 volumes. It now has 800 volumes, and its circulation from September, 1899, to July, 1900, was 8,884. It is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2.30 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Miss Bessie S. Rogers is librarian.

Townshend.—Townshend Free Library established in 1899, with State aid and an annual appropriation of \$25. It has 116 volumes, is open Mondays from 6.30 to 8.30, Fridays from 4 to 7.30 p. m. Mrs. L. D. Osgood is librarian.

Waitsfield.—Waitsfield Town Library established January 24, 1900, with State aid and town appropriation of \$25. Room furnished in private dwelling. Open Wednesday afternoon and evening. It has 359 volumes; circulation from January to July, 1900, was 744. Miss Bertha E. Savage is the librarian.

Wardsboro.—The Wardsboro Free Library was established by the unanimous vote of the town to accept the provisions of the Act of 1894, at its annual March meeting, 1899. Fifteen dollars was appropriated for its support, and Spencer Robinson, D. C. Dexter, B. C. Ryder, H. E. Kidder and Geo. W. Briggs were chosen trustees. One hundred dollars worth—98 books—were received from the State; 437 volumes were donated to the town by the Fayetteville Library Association of Newfane, which with seven books purchased out of town appropriation and four presented by the Moore Free Library gives a total of 546 books now in the library.

Opened to the public, October 14th, and during two and one-half months, to January, 1900, 378 books were loaned.

In order to promote harmony and afford better facilities to all, the books were divided into four parts, one-fourth placed in each of the four villages in the town.

Librarians: Mrs. A. L. Howard, D. C. Dexter, B. C. Ryder, H. E. Kidder. No compensation.

West Haven.—West Haven Free Circulating Library was established March, 1899, with State aid and an appropriation from the town of \$25. It was opened in August, 1899, with one hundred and twenty-one (121) volumes. Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock is librarian.

West Windsor (Brownsville).—Mr. B. F. Blood, of Waltham, Mass., a native of this town, is erecting in memory of his daughter, a library building, to be known as the Mary L. Blood Memorial Library. The building is of brick with granite trimmings and large enough for all the needs of the town library. It will cost between four and five thousand dollars.

Weybridge.—About 1860 a farmers' library was organized here with about 100 agricultural books. It was established by 20 of the farmers giving \$5 each. This library did not amount to much and was soon forgotten. The books are now in the new library.

About August 6, 1897, Joshua F. Cotton, a citizen of this town, left by will the use of about \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Weybridge to establish a free public library. In 1899 the library organized under the laws of the State. The grand list required the town to vote the amount of \$25 in order to get from the State \$100 worth of books. This the town voted, and under the law elected five trustees, as follows: John A. James for one year, Carlton R. Smith for two years, Elmer E. Cowles for three years, Martin E. Sprague for four years, and Herbert L. Thompson for five years. Soon after March meeting the trustees organized by electing John A. James, president; Herbert L. Thompson, secretary; Carlton R. Smith, treasurer; Elmer E. Cowles, auditor, and Martin E. Sprague, librarian. Soon after organizing the trustees finished off for the use of the library a fine room in the lower part of the town hall. From the State Library Commission, the State books, a valuable and well selected list, 105 in all, were soon received. About the same time there was received a gift of about 130 books from Mr. B. W. Dodge, of New York, a former resident here. There was received several books from Hon. H. Henry Powers and Hon. Redfield Proctor, Patent Office reports.

This spring the voters in town meeting elected Henry A. Boles as trustee for five years, to take the place of John A. James, whose term had expired. Some time in June of this year the trustees bought for \$30 (thirty dollars), 106 up-to-date books, and Mr. B. W. Dodge made another gift of 234 volumes. We have now a fine up-to-date library, with some 740 volumes and six monthly magazines. The circulation is from 40 to 60 books and magazines weekly. The library is open every Saturday from 2 p. m. until 8 p. m. The circulation of books since the library was opened, September 1, 1899, has been fully 2,000 volumes. The trustees are expecting to buy more books this fall. Everyone, so far, is pleased with the library and are very thankful to Mr. Cotton for his kind remembrance of the town in which he spent his life. The trustees hope to build a library building in a few years.

Whitingham.—Whitingham Public Library was started by the Green Mountain Club, which purchased 166 volumes. In March, 1899, the town appropriated \$25, elected library trustees, and secured the \$100 worth of books from the State. It now owns 265 volumes. The library is open Wednesday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and evening. Carrie E. Chase librarian.

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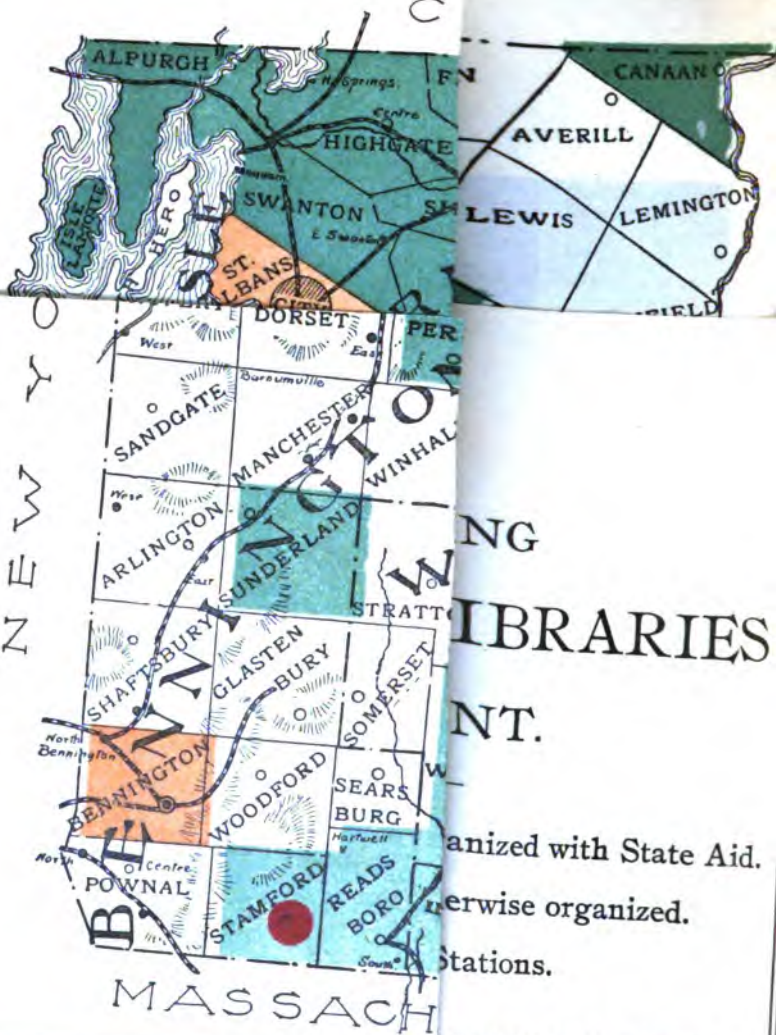




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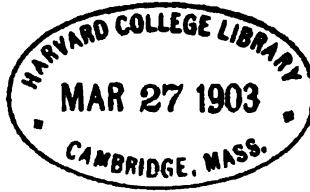
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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its fourth biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," and "Acts of 1896, 1898 and 1900," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits

of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars, and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer, payable to said commissioners, for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.



NORWICH LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have

been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of

December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof

warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.



NORWICH LIBRARY—READING ROOM.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

NO. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

NO. 34.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION 887, VERMONT STATUTES, AUTHORIZING TOWNS TO CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE FREE USE OF BOOKS AND TO VOTE MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES HELD IN TRUST FOR SUCH TOWNS.

SECTION 1. Section 887, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

Approved November 26, 1898.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.

NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.

SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the full management and control of said libraries at all times, and shall

make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

NO. 44.—AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2982 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. Section 2982 of the Vermont Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2982. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

Approved November 21, 1900.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE STATE LIBRARY
COMMISSION.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1897.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is

printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The list of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far-reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are

interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held

on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of....., Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR :

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows :

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions.

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The Secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,
Rutland, Vt.

....., 189

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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MR. S. W. LANDON, GREENSBORO, *Chairman*.

MRS. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, *Secretary*.

MR. H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford.

MR. FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier.

MRS. WALTER P. SMITH, St. Johnsbury.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. R. STURTEVANT, HARTLAND.
WHERE THE HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS KEPT.

VALUE OF PERIODICALS.

The Commission wish to call the attention of such libraries as are not now making collections of magazine literature to the great value of such collections for reference work; and, if the magazines are bound, for general circulation. For little more than the cost of binding, libraries may acquire invaluable material. If a library cannot afford to bind, the magazines may still be made very convenient for use by tying them neatly into volumes, arranged by volume and number, not by year and month. The St. Nicholas, Harper's Round Table, and Youth's Companion will be found invaluable for work in the schools; the Forum, North American Review and Outlook for the high school debating societies; the Century, Harper's monthly and Scribner's magazine for travel, art and literature clubs.

COLLECTING PERIODICALS.

A systematic collection of periodicals should be made in every town. Libraries will find that a great amount of material will be discovered by advertising the needs of libraries through the newspapers, the women's clubs, and the young people of the high school. The beginning of the year and the house cleaning season are especially good times to make an appeal. Advertise in the papers that on a certain day collectors will call at every door for contributions of periodicals.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR PERIODICALS.

In the hope of helping the libraries of the state to build up reference collections of magazines, the Commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. It is the purpose of the clearing house to supply volumes or parts of volumes needed by libraries to complete sets. In return the libraries are expected to send all duplicates to the clearing house, that other libraries may be likewise benefitted.

HOW TO BENEFIT BY IT.

In making a list, the librarian should designate with accuracy the magazines wanted. It is well not only to give volume and number, but also date of publication. In case of complete volumes, the dates covered should be indicated, of single numbers, the several dates; for example, Century, v. 40, May-Oct., 1890. Century, v. 41, No. 3, Jan., 1891. The Commission will pay for transportation of all material received, and send to libraries freight or express

unpaid. Correspondence on this subject is solicited by the Commission.

VALUE OF INDEXES.

If the magazines are to be used for references an index is a necessity. These have heretofore been very expensive, but during the last year an abridged index has been issued, referring to nearly thirty periodicals, which furnishes in convenient form the help needed. It is called Poole's abridged index, and is published by Houghton; price, twelve dollars. Many libraries cannot now afford to buy the index. But do not fail on that account to begin your collection of periodicals.

J. S. Sargent's Reading for the young and supplement, published by the Library Bureau at \$1.50 indexes St. Nicholas, Harper's Round Table and Youth's Companion up to 1895.

MOST IMPORTANT MAGAZINES.

Date is of first number of first volume. The asterisk indicates the periodical most useful to the smaller libraries.

Atlantic Monthly. Nov. 1857.

——Index, v. 1-62. 1889.

*Century illustrated monthly magazine. Nov., 1881.

Continuation of Scribner's monthly, v. 23-date.

Cosmopolitan. March, 1886.

*Forum. March, 1886.

*Harper's new monthly magazine, June, 1850.

——Index- v. 1-85. 1893.

*Harper's round table. April, 1895-Oct., 1899.

Continuation of Harper's young people (1879-95).

*McClure's magazine. June, 1893.

New England magazine, Jan. 1886.

Continuation of Bay state monthly (1884-86), v. 4-date.

*North American review. May, 1815.

——Index, v. 1-131, 1880.

*Outlook. July, 1893.

Continuation of Christian union (1870-93), v. 48-date.

Popular science monthly. May, 1878.

——Index, v. 1-40, 1893.

*Review of Reviews (American edition). Jan., 1890.

*St. Nicholas. Nov., 1873.

Griswold Index to St. Nicholas, v. 1-21. 1896.

Scientific American. Sept., 1845.

——Supplement, Jan. 1876.

——Index to valuable papers. 1898.

*Scribner's magazine. Jan., 1887.

Scribner's monthly. Nov., 1870–Oct., 1881.

Continued by Century from v. 23–date.

World's Work, Nov., 1900.

*Youth's Companion. 1827.

No. 6.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SMALL LIBRARIES.

(Some years ago the Secretary of the Commission prepared a document entitled *Snggestions to Librarians of Small Libraries*. The present Secretary has revised that paper, and it has been re-issued in 1902 in the following form:)

TO THE TRUSTEES.—As so much depends upon the personality of the person in charge of even a small library, select, if possible, a librarian who has executive ability, tact, a fondness for books, an interest in and sympathy for children, and one who will not hesitate to inform herself as speedily as possible of the best library methods.

TO THE LIBRARIAN.—Since it lies in your power to make the library an immense power in the community think constantly and with enthusiasm of what you can do to increase its usefulness and growth. If possible, give your readers free access to the shelves and always be ready to suggest to those who are unacquainted with books those which will be of greatest help and inspiration. Pay especial attention to the children, letting even the youngest take books, and inspire them with pride in keeping the volumes clean and uninjured. Collect all printed matter of local interest which will aid in preserving the history of the place, no matter how unimportant and worthless it may seem at the time. Solicit gifts of books which will be of real value, but do not hesitate to refuse tactfully those which will be of no use save to fill up the shelves. Files of magazines, bound or unbound are invaluable to any library. In the better class of these are contained the best fiction, the best poetry, the best essays, or discussions which the literary world has produced for the past fifty years. If you are unable to get full sets, or complete volumes, get odd numbers, trusting that in time you may complete your volume or set by other gifts, or by applying to

the Clearing House for magazines, in charge of two members of the Commission, Mrs. W. P. Smith, St. Johnsbury and Mrs. M. H. Buckham, Burlington. (See Document No. 5, issued by the State Library Commission). If you can afford a copy of Poole's Index, abridged, indexing to the close of 1900, published by Houghton at \$12.00 you will be able to trace almost any article in the magazines which are likely to be in your library. Mr. Frederick Winthrop Faxon, Secretary of the American Library Association says, "Given Poole's Index and a complete set of Littell's Living Age and of Harper, more work can be done than with twice the number of reference books not periodicals."

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you greatly. Do not, however, make the too common mistake of small libraries, and spend money that could be used to better advantage, on a printed catalogue. If your library grows, in a few years you will find this quite useless. Use the columns of the local paper, if there is one; if not, written lists on various topics posted in the library are a help. On the other hand, the card catalogue cannot be commenced too soon. Take and read diligently the Library Journal, or Public Libraries and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience. The State Library Commission also hold themselves ready to answer any questions, or give any aid and instruction in their power.

You will also find it greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association. An explanation of the aim and scope of this organization may be had upon application to Mr. Frederick W. Faxon, Secretary A. L. A., 108 Glenway St., Dorchester, Mass.

As soon as you are able, attend some library training class during the summer, or one of the regular Library Schools, lists of which will be given at the end of these "suggestions."

SUPPLIES.—An accession book, register, shelf lists and a State Library book plate are included with each \$100 worth of books furnished by the state, also a copy of Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to small libraries." When you can afford it add your own book plate, a dating stamp, book labels and borrower's cards,

obtaining these from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass., or H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, Vt.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount except on net books. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus :

Accession No.	Class	Vol.	Author.	Title.	Place and Publisher.
21	F	1	Harrison, C. C.	A bachelor maid.	N. Y. Century.

Date.	Pages.	Size.	Binding	Source.	Cost.	Remarks.
1894.	225.	D.	Cloth.	H. J. Shanley & Co.	\$.67	Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10. '96.

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey

on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

(Name.)	(Term for which elected.)
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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of....., Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

.....
Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR :

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows :

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions.

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The Secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,
Rutland, Vt.

....., 189

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

MR. S. W. LANDON, GREENSBORO, *Chairman*.
MRS. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, *Secretary*.
MR. H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford.
MR. FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier.
MRS. WALTER P. SMITH, St. Johnsbury.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. R. STURTEVANT, HARTLAND.
WHERE THE HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS KEPT.

American Library Association, Catalogue of A. L. A. Library; 5000 vols. for a popular library, shown at the World's Columbian Exposition. U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, - - - -	Free
List of books for girls and women and their clubs (in six parts). Library Bureau, Boston; pa. - - -	.50
Annual literary index, including American and English essays, book chapters, special bibliographies, and necrology of authors. Edited by W. I. Fletcher and R. R. Bowker, 59 Duane St., New York, - -	3.50

SUMMER LIBRARY SCHOOLS.

New York State Summer Library School, Albany,	Melvil Dewey, Director.
Chautauqua Summer School of Library Science, Chautauqua,	Melvil Dewey, Director.
Amherst Summer School of Library Science, Amherst,	W. A. Fletcher, Director.

LIBRARY SCHOOLS.

New York State Library School, Albany,	Melvil Dewey, Director.
Pratt Institute Library School, Brooklyn,	Miss Mary Wright Plummer, Director.
Library Course, Simmons College, Boston,	Miss Sarah L. Arnold, Dean.

MRS. M. H. BUCKHAM, *Secretary.*

Sept. 1902.



GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY.
GIFT OF HON. H. S. TOLMAN.

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THE VERMONT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

1901.

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ARTS, USEFUL AND FINE.

- BEARD, D. C. Jack of all trades. Scribner, \$2.
Out door handy book. Scribner, \$2.
- BOTTONE, S. R. Wireless telegraphy and Hertzian waves. Macmillan, \$1.
- BYRN E. W. Progress of invention in 19th century. Munn, \$3.
- ELSON, L. C. National music of America. Page, \$1.50.
- FARMER, F. M. Boston cooking school cook book. Little, \$2.
- FINCK, H. T. Songs and song writers. (Music lover's lib.) Scribner, \$1.25.
- HARRISON, EVELEEN. Home nursing. Macmillan, \$1.
- HERRICK, C. T. First aid to the young housekeeper. Scribner, \$1.
- HURLL, ESTELLE. (Riverside art series). Rembrandt, Millet, Murillo, Michael Angelo, Raphael, Sir Joshua Reynolds. Houghton, 75c. each.
- HURON, C. E. and BAILEY, L. H. Amateur's practical garden book. (Gardencraft series.) Macmillan, \$1.
- "ISOBEL," *pseud.* Dainty dishes for slender incomes. McClurg, 50c.
- MAYNARD, S. T. Landscape gardening as applied to home decoration. J. Wiley & Sons, \$1.50.
- MARYON, MAUD. How the garden grew. Longman's, \$1.50.
- MCCARTHY, EUGENE. Familiar fish, their habits and capture. Appleton, \$1.50.
- ROBERTS, I. P. The farmstead; the making of the rural home and the lay out of the farm. (Rural science ser.) Macmillan, \$1.25.
- VINALL, J. W. T. Art and how to study it. Warne, \$1.
- WALL, F. W. A handbook for farmers and dairymen. J. Wiley & Sons, \$1.50.
- WHEELER, C. G. Wood working for beginners. Putnam, \$3.50.
- WINSLOW, H. M. Concerning cats. Lothrop, \$1.50.

BIOGRAPHY.

- ADAMS, C. F., JR. Charles Francis Adams. (American statesmen.) Houghton, \$1.25.
- ALLEN, A. V. G. Life of Phillips Brooks, 2 v. Dutton, \$7.50 net.
- BRADY, C. T. Commodore Paul Jones. (Great commanders.) Appleton, \$1.50.
Recollections of a missionary in the great west. Scribner, \$1.25.
- BUELL, A. C. Life of Paul Jones, 2 v. Scribner, \$3.
- CHADWICK, J. W. Life of Theodore Parker. Houghton, \$2.
- FARNHAM, C. H. Life of Francis Parkman. Little, \$2.50.
- GEORGE, HENRY, JR. Life of Henry George. Doubleday, McClure, \$1.50 net.

- HEADLAM, T. M. Bismarck and the foundation of the German empire (Heroes of the nation.) Putnam, \$1.50.
- HOWELLS, W. D. Literary friends and acquaintances. Harper, \$2.50.
- HUXLEY, L. Life and letters of Thomas Henry Huxley, 2 v. Appleton, \$5.
- MOODY, W. R. Life of Dwight Lyman Moody. Revell, \$2.50.
- POND, J. B. Eccentricities of genius. Dillingham, \$3.50.
- ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Oliver Cromwell. Scribner, \$2.
- ROSEBERRY, A. P. P. *Lord*. Napoleon, the last phase. Harper, \$3.
- STORY, Moorfield. Chas. Sumner. (American statesmen.) Houghton, \$1.25.
- WASHINGTON, BOOKER T. Up from slavery. Doubleday, \$1.50.
- WHEELER, B. I. Alexander the Great. (Heroes of the nation.) Putnam, \$1.75.
- WHO'S WHO IN 1901. Macmillan, \$1.75.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- ANDREWS, JANE. Stories of my four friends. Ginn, 45c.
- APRIL BABY'S BOOK OF TUNES, by author of Elizabeth and her German garden. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- ALLEN, W. B. The head of Pasht. Dutton, \$1.50.
- BAUM, F. L. The wonderful wizard of Oz. Hill, \$1.50.
- BROOKS, E. S. Century book of American colonies. Century, \$1.50.
- BROWN, A. F. Book of saints and friendly beasts. Houghton, \$1.25.
- BUTTERWORTH, HEZEKIAH. In the days of Jefferson. Appleton, \$1.50.
- Traveler's tales of South Africa. Estes, \$1.50.
- CHAMPNEY, MRS. E. W. Anneke, a little dame of the New Netherlands. Dodd, \$1.50.
- DASKAM, J. D. Sister's vocation and other girl's stories. Scribner, \$1.25.
- DOUGLAS, AMANDA. A little girl in old Washington. Dodd, \$1.50.
- FRASER, W. A. Mooswa and others of the boundaries. Scribners, \$2.
- FROST, W. H. Fairies and folk of Ireland. Scribner, \$1.50.
- JACKSON, G. E. Pretty Polly Perkins, Century, \$1.50.
- JENKS, TUDOR. Boys' book of exploration. Doubleday, \$2.
- LANG, ANDREW, *ed.* Grey fairy book. Longmans, \$2.
- LONG, W. J. Wilderness ways. Ginn, 45c
- HENTY, G. A. Out with Garibaldi. Scribner, \$1.50.
- In the Irish brigade. Scribner, \$1.50.
- With Buller in Natal. Scribner, \$1.50.
- LOTHROP, *Mrs.* H. M., (*pseud* Margaret Sidney.)
- Adventures of Joel Pepper. Lothrop, \$1.50.
- MACMANUS, SEUMAS. Donegal fairy stories. McClure, \$1.
- MORSE, L. B. Road to nowhere. Harper, \$1.50.
- MUNROE, KIRK. Under the great bear. Doubleday, \$1.25.
- PYLE, KATHERINE. Christmas angel. Little, \$1.25.
- REED, H. L. Brenda, her school and her club. Little, \$1.50.
- REID, SIDNEY. Josey and the chipmunk. Century, \$1.50.
- ST. NICHOLAS BOOK OF PLAYS AND OPERETTAS. Century, \$1.
- SETON-THOMPSON, ERNEST. Biography of a grizzly. Century, \$1.50.
- Wild animal play for children. Doubleday, 50c.
- SMITH, M. P. W. Young and old puritans of Hatfield. Little, \$1.25.

THOMPSON, A. R. Gold seekers on the Dalton trail. Little, \$1.50.
 TRUE, J. P. The iron star. Little, \$1.50.
 WESSELHOEFT, L. F. Doris and her dog Rodney. Little, \$1.50.
 WHITE, E. O. Ednah and her brothers. Houghton, \$1.
 WILLIAMS, EUSTACE. The substitute quarter-back. Estes, \$1.25.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Dream fox story book. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 YECHTON, BARBARA. Fortune's boats.

FICTION.

ALLEN, JAMES LANE. Reign of law. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 BACHELLER, IRVING. Eben Holden. Lothrop, \$1.50.
 BARRIE, J. M. Tommy and Grizel. Scribner \$1.50.
 BELLAMY, EDWARD. Duke of Stockbridge. Silver, \$1.50.
 BRADY, C. T. The grip of honor. Scribner, \$1.50.
 CHESNUTT, C. W. House behind the cedars. Houghton, \$1.50.
 CLEMENS, SAMUEL. (*pseud* Mark Twain.) The man that corrupted
 Hadleyburg. Harper, \$1.75.
 CRANE, STEPHEN. Whilomville stories. Harper, \$1.50.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. In the palace of the King. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 CROCKETT, S. R. Joan of the sword hand. Dodd, \$1.50.
 DAVIS, W. S. A friend of Cæsar. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 DIX, E. A. Deacon Bradbury. Century, \$1.50.
 DUNBAR, P. L. Strength of Gideon and other stories. Dodd, \$1.25.
 EARLE, M. T. Through old rose glasses. Houghton, \$1.50.
 FORD, P. L. Wanted, a matchmaker. McClurg, \$2.
 FOX, JOHN, JR. Crittenden. Scribner, \$1.25.
 GLASGOW, E. A. G. Voice of the people. Doubleday, \$1.50.
 GRANT, ROBERT. Unleavened bread. Scribner, \$1.50.
 HARLAND, HENRY. The cardinal's snuff box. Lane, \$1.50.
 HARRIS, J. C. On the wing of occasions. Doubleday, \$1.50.
 HAWKINS, ANTHONY HOPE. Quisantè. Stokes, \$1.50.
 JANVIER, T. A. Passing of Thomas. Harper, \$1 25.
 LLOYD, J. U. Stringtown on the pike. Dodd, \$1.50.
 MACMANUS, SEUMAS. The bewitched fiddler and other Irish tales.
 Doubleday, 75c.
 MERRIMAN, H. S. *pseud.* of H. S. Scott. The isle of unrest. Dodd, \$1.50.
 MITCHELL, S. WEIR. Dr. North and his friends. Century, \$1.50.
 PAGE, T. N. Old gentleman of the black stock. Scribner, \$1.50.
 PARKER, GILBERT. The lane that had no turning. Doubleday, \$1.50.
 POOLE, M. L. Meloon farm. Harper, \$1.50.
 ROBERTS, C. G. D. A forge in the forest. Silver, \$1.25.
 The heart of the ancient wood. Silver, \$1.50.
 SEAWELL, M. E. House of Egremont. Scribner, \$1.50.
 STOCKTON, F. R. A bicycle of Cathay. Harper, \$1.50.
 Afield and afloat. Scribner, \$1.50.
 STUART, R. McE. Holly and Pizen.
 TARKINGTON, BOOTH. Monsieur Beaucaire. McClure, \$1.25.
 TAYLOR, M. I. The cardinal's musketeer. McClurg, \$1.25.
 THOMPSON, MAURICE. Alice of old Vincennes. Bowen, \$1.50.
 WARD, Mrs. HUMPHREY. Eleanor. Harper, \$1.50.

- WEYMAN, S. J. *Sophia*. Longmans, \$1.50.
 WILKINS, M. E. *The love of Parson Lord and other stories*. Harper, \$1.25.
 ZANGWILL, I. *Mantle of Elijah*. Harper, \$1.50.

HISTORY.

- CHURCHILL, W. L. S. *Ian Hamilton's march*. Longman, \$1.50.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. *Rulers of the south*, 2 v. Macmillan, \$6.
 DAVIS, R. H. *With both armies in South Africa*. Scribner, \$1.50.
 EARLE, *Mrs.* A. M. *Stage coach and tavern days*. Macmillan, \$2.50.
 EGGLESTON, E. *Transit of civilization from England to America in the 17th century*. Appleton, \$1.50.
 FOSTER, J. W. *A century of American diplomacy*. Houghton, \$3.50.
 HILLEGAS, H. C. *Boers in war*. Appleton, \$1.50.
 HUME, M. A. S. *Modern Spain*. (Story of the nation series.) Putnam, \$1.50.
 LATIMER, *Mrs.* E. W. *Last years of the 19th century*. McClurg, \$2.50.
 NOBLE, EDMUND. *Russia and the Russians*. Houghton, \$1.50.
 ORSI, PIETRO. *Modern Italy*. (Story of the nation series.) Putnam, \$1.50.
 REID, WHITELAW. *Problems of expansion*. Century, \$1.50.
 REINSCH, P. S. *World politics at end of the 19th century, as influenced by the oriental situation*. Macmillan, \$1.25.
 SAINT-AMAND, IMBERT DE. *Napoleon III at the height of his power*. Scribner, \$1.50.
 SMITH, H. E. *Colonial days and ways*. Century, \$2.50.

LITERATURE.

- ALDEN, R. M. *The art of debate*. Holt, \$1 net.
 DORR, *Mrs.* J. C. R. *Afterglow*. Scribner, \$1.25.
 DUNNE, F. P. *Mr. Dooley's philosophy*. Small, \$1.50.
 DRUMMOND, W. H. *The habitant*. Putnam, \$1.25.
 ELIZABETH AND HER GERMAN GARDEN. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 HARRISON FREDERIC. *Tennyson, Ruskin, Mill and other literary estimates*. Macmillan, \$2.
 MABIE, HAMILTON. *William Shakespeare; poet, dramatist, and man*. Macmillan, \$3 net.
 PHILLIPS, STEPHEN. *Paolo and Francesca*. Lane, \$1.25.
 PIERSON, A. T. *Seed thoughts for public speakers*. Funk, \$1.50.
 RILEY, J. W. *Home folks*. Bowen, \$1.25.
 ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. *The strenuous life*. Century, \$1.50.
 ROSTAND, EDMUND. *L'Aiglon, tr.* Russell, \$1.50.
 SOLITARY SUMMER, by the author of *Elizabeth and her German garden*. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 SPOFFORD, A. R. *A book for all readers*. Putnam, \$2.
 STEDMAN, E. C. *American anthology*. Houghton, \$3.
 STEPHENS, M. AND OTHERS. *Counsel on the reading of books*. Houghton, \$1.50.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. *Toiling of Felix and other poems*. Scribner, \$1.
 WEEDEN, HOWARD. *Songs of the old south*. Doubleday, \$1.50.
 WENDELL, BARRETT. *Literary history of America*. Scribner, \$3.
 WOODBERRY, GEORGE. *Makers of literature*. Macmillan, \$1.50.

SCIENCE.

- ATKINSON, G. F. Stories of American fungi; mushrooms, edible, poisonous, etc. Andrews, \$3.
- CHAMBERS, G. F. Story of eclipses simply told for general readers. (Library of useful stories.) Appleton, 40c.
- DU CHAILLU, P. B. World of the great forest. Scribner, \$2.
- ILES, GEORGE. Flame, electricity and the camera. Doubleday, \$2.50 net.
- KEELER, HARRIET L. Our native trees and how to identify them. Scribner, \$2.
- MILLER, *Mrs.* O. T. First book of birds. (School *ed*). Houghton, 60c. net.
- THOMPSON, MAURICE. My winter garden. Century, \$1.50.
- WILLIAMS, H. S. Story of the 19th century science. Harper, \$2.50.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- BRADFORD, A. H. The age of faith. Houghton, \$1.50.
- BULLEN, F. T. With Christ at sea. Stokes, \$1.50.
- CANDEE, H. C. How women can earn a living. Macmillan, \$1.
- CARNEGIE, ANDREW. The gospel of wealth. Century, \$2.
- CLARKE, W. N. A study of Christian missions. Scribner, \$1.25.
- ELY, R. T. Monopolies and trusts. (Citizens' library of economics, politics and sociology). Macmillan, \$1.25.
- GORDON, G. A. The new epoch for faith. Houghton, \$1.50.
- HILLIS, N. D. Influence of Christ in modern life. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- JASTROW, J. Fact and fable in psychology. Houghton, \$2.
- MCCLURE, A. K. Our presidents and how we make them. Harper, \$2.
- OPPENHEIM, NATHAN. Care of the child in health. Macmillan, \$1.25.
- Development of the child. Macmillan, \$1.25.
- PIERSON, A. T. Forward movement of the last half century. Funk, \$1.50.
- ROYCE, JOSIAH. The world of the individual. Macmillan, \$3 net.
- Conception of immortality. Houghton, \$1.
- SMITH, O. T. The coming democracy. Brandur Co., \$1.
- THRASHER, M. B. Tuskegee, its story and its work. Small, \$1.
- WATSON, JOHN. Church folks. Doubleday, \$1.25.

DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL.

- BANCROFT, H. H. The new Pacific. Bancroft Co., \$2.50.
- BATES, K. L. Spanish highways and byways. Macmillan, \$2.25.
- BISHOP, *Mrs.* I. L. B. Yangtze valley and beyond. 2 v. Putnam, \$6.
- BLASHFIELD, E. H. and E. W. Italian cities, 2 v. Scribner, \$4.
- COLQUHOUN, A. R. Overland to China. Harper, \$3.
- DEFOREST, KATHARINE. Paris as it is. Doubleday, \$1.25 net.
- DEVEREUX, ROY. Side lights on Africa. Scribner, \$1.75.
- GRIFFIS, W. E. An American in Holland. Houghton, \$1.50.
- JAMES, G. W. In and around the Grand Canyon. Little, \$3.
- JOHNSON, CLIFTON. Along French byways. Macmillan, \$2.25.
- JOHNSON, W. H. The world's discoverers. Little, \$1.50.
- LLOYD, H. D. Newest England. Doubleday, Page, \$2.50.
- RALPH, JULIAN. Toward Pretoria. Stokes, \$1.50.
- SCIDMORE, E. R. China, the long lived Empire. Century, \$2.50.

- SETON-THOMPSON, GRACE G. A woman tenderfoot. Doubleday, \$2.
 SMITH, A. P. Village life in China. Revell, \$2.
 Chinese characteristics. Revell, \$1.25.
 WHITING, RICHARD. Paris of today. Century, \$5.

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BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

- CHAMPLIN, J. D., *comp.* Young folks' cyclopedia of literature and art.
 Holt, \$2.50.
 FLETCHER, W. I. AND POOLE, M. Poole's index to periodical literature.
 (Abridged ed). Houghton, \$12 net.
 LEONARD, J. W., *ed.* Who's who in America in 1901. Marquis, \$2.75.

FINE ARTS.

- BARBER, E. A. Pottery and porcelain of the United States. Putnam,
 \$3.50 net.
 EARLE, Mrs. A. M. Old time gardens. Macmillan, \$2.50 net.
 HURLL, ESTELLE. (Riverside art series). Greek sculpture, Correggio,
 Landseer, Titian. Houghton, 75c. net each.
 MEES, A. Choirs and choral music. Scribner, \$1.25 net.

USEFUL ARTS.

- BAILEY, L. H. Principles of vegetable gardening. Macmillan, \$1.25.
 DEXTER ALMON. And the wilderness blossomed. Fisher, \$2 net.
 MOWBRAY, J. P. Making of a country home. Doubleday, \$1.50.
 RICHARDS, E. H. Cost of food. Wiley, \$1.
 ROBINSON, J. H. Poultry craft. Johnson, \$2.
 THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE BREAKFAST DISHES. Geo. W. Jacobs,
 40c. net.
 WHITE, MARY. How to make baskets. Doubleday, \$1 net.
 YALE, L. M. and POLLAK, G. Century book for Mothers. Century, \$2
 net.

BIOGRAPHY.

- BALFOUR, G. Life of Robert Louis Stevenson, 2 v. Scribner, \$4 net.
 BESANT, Sir W. Story of King Alfred. Appleton, 40c.
 BURTON, RICHARD. John Greenleaf Whittier. (Beacon biographies of emi-
 nent Americans). Small, Maynard, 75c.
 CURTIS, W. E. True Thomas Jefferson. Lippincott, \$2 net.
 EVANS, R. D. Sailor's log. Appleton, \$2.

- GILLESPIE, *Mrs.* E. D. Book of remembrance. Lippincott, \$2.50 net.
 GUERBER, H. A. Empresses of France. Dodd, \$2.50.
 HALSEY, F. W., *ed.* American authors and their homes. Pott, \$1.25.
 HUDSON, W. H. Life of Sir Walter Scott. Wessels, \$2.
 JOHNSON, W. H. World's discoverers. Little, Brown, \$1.50.
 LORNE, MARQUIS OF. Queen Victoria; her life and empire. Harper, \$2.50 net.
 MASON, WILLIAM. Memories of a musical life. Century, \$2 net.
 PEPPER, M. S. Maids and matrons of New France. Little, Brown, \$1.50 net.
 RUS, J. A. Making of an American. Macmillan, \$2 net.
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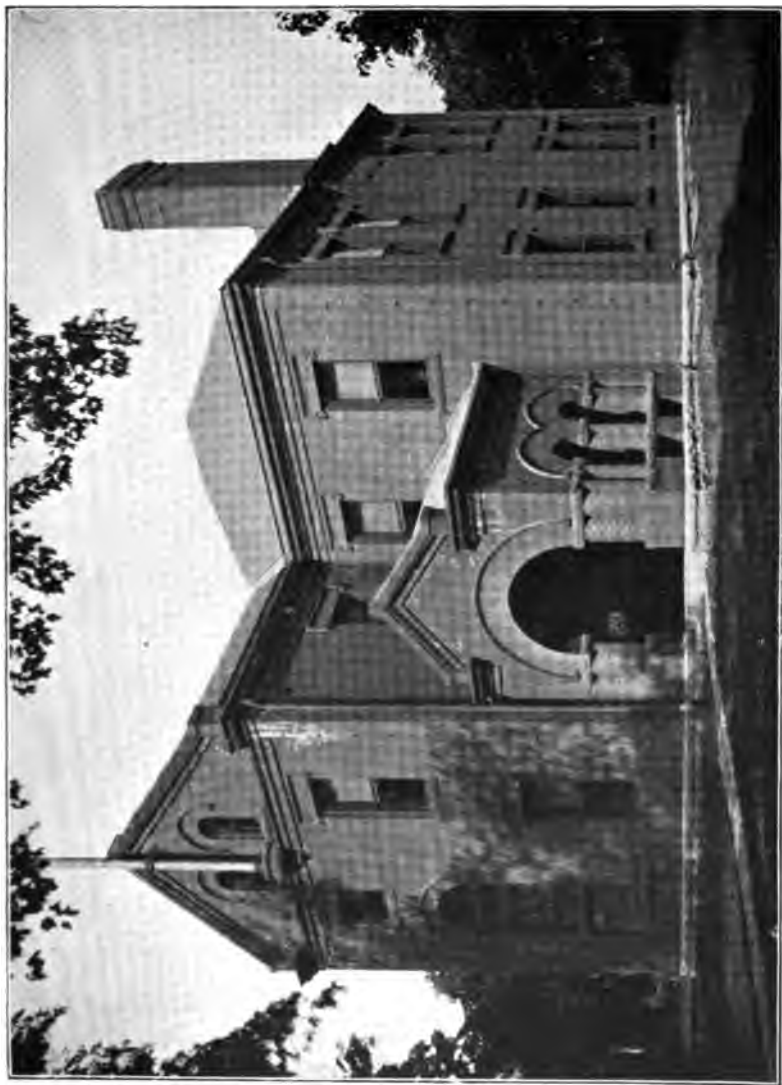
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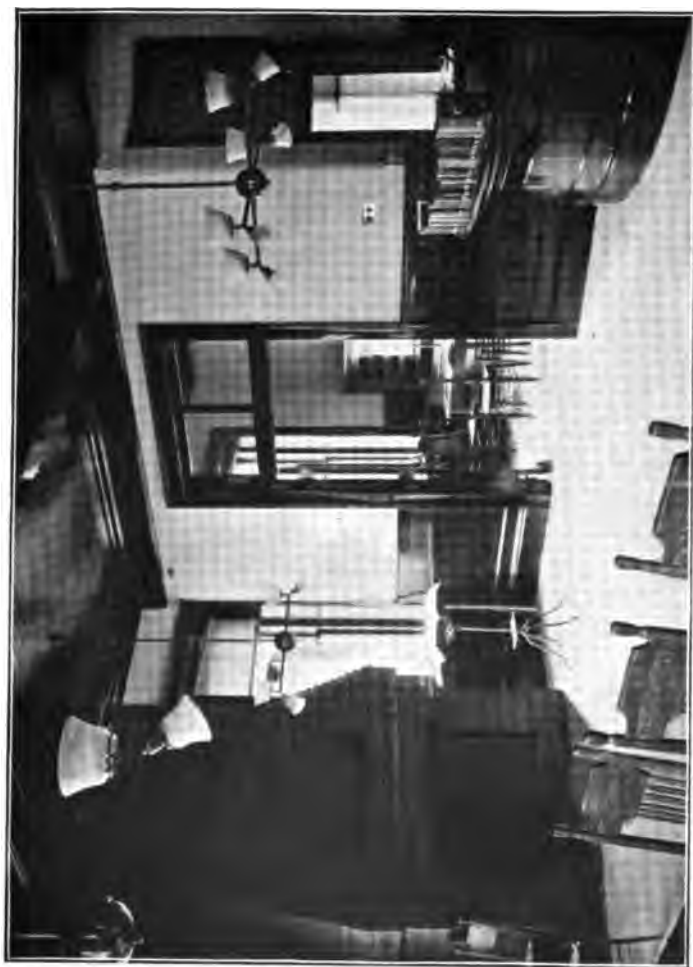
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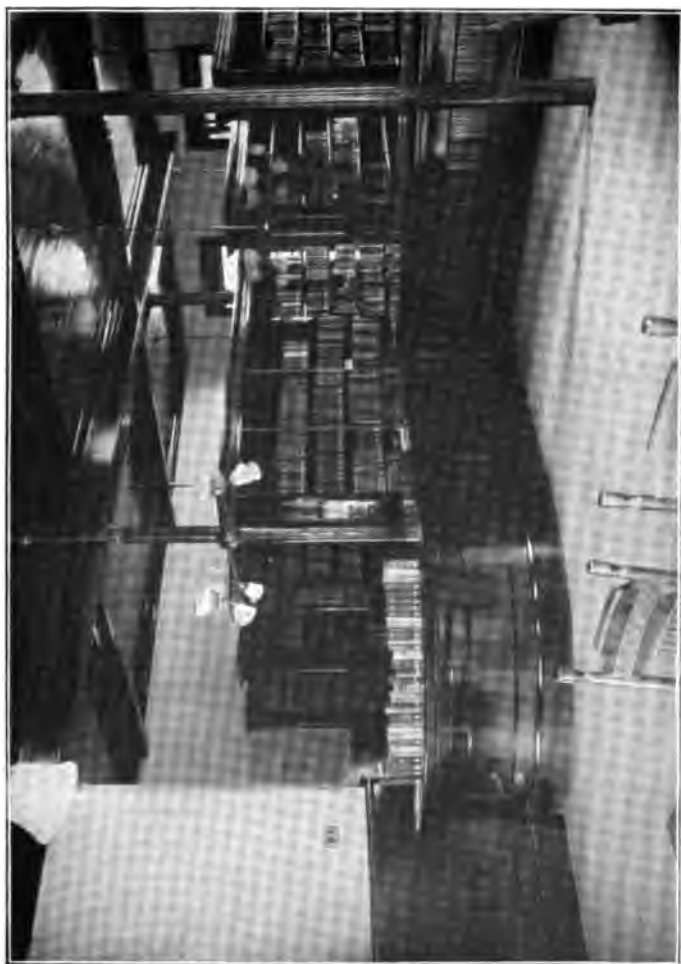
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 STODDARD, W. O. Talking leaves.
 TOMLINSON, E. T. Boys of old Monmouth.
 Two young patriots.

FICTION.

BACHELLER, IRVING. Eben Holden.
 BARR, Mrs. A. E. Trinity bells.
 BELLAMY, EDWARD. Duke of Stockbridge.
 CASKODEN, EDWIN, *pseud.* When knighthood was in flower.
 CHURCHILL, WINSTON. Richard Carvel.
 CONNOR, RALPH, *pseud.* Black Rock; tale of the Selkirks.
 Sky pilot of the foot-hills.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. Via crucis; romance of the Second Crusade.
 CROCKETT, S. R. Kit Kennedy, country boy.
 DAVIS, R. H. Soldiers of fortune.
 FORD, P. L. Honorable Peter Stirling.
 Janice Meredith.
 FOX, JOHN, *Jr.* A mountain Europa.
 HALE, E. E. Man without a country.
 HOPE, ANTHONY. (Hawkins, A. H.) Prisoner of Zenda.
 JOHNSTON, MARY. To have and to hold.

PAGE, T. N. Red Rock.
 ROBERTS, C. G. D. Heart of the Ancient Wood.
 SMITH, F. H. Tom Grogan.
 STEELE, *Mrs.* F. A. Hosts of the Lord.
 TARKINGTON, BOOTH. Gentleman from Indiana.
 WARD, *Mrs.* M. A. Eleanor.
 WHITEING, RICHARD. No. 5, John St.

HISTORY.

FISKE, JOHN. Dutch and Quaker colonies in America, 2 v.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Vermont. (Amer. commonwealths.)

LITERATURE.

DRUMMOND, W. H. Habitant.
 ELIZABETH and her German garden.
 RILEY, J. W. Home folks.
 STEDMAN, B. C., *ed.* American anthology.
 Poets of America.
 Victorian poets.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. Fisherman's luck.

SCIENCE.

CHAPMAN, F. M. Bird studies with a camera.
 MORLEY, M. W. Bee people.
 PARSONS, *Mrs.* F. T. How to know the ferns.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Wild animals I have known.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

CLARKE, W. N. Can I believe in God the Father?
 GLADDEN, WASHINGTON. Social facts and forces.
 HYDE, W. DEW. God's education of man.
 WATSON, JOHN. Church folks.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. Workers; the East.
 Workers; the West.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

BATES, K. L. Spanish highways and byways.
 BULLEN, F. T. Cruise of the Cachalot round the world after sperm
 whales.
 DU CHAILLU, P. B. Land of the long night.
 HAPGOOD, I. F. Russian rambles.
 HILL, R. T. Cuba and Porto Rico with the other islands of the West
 Indies.
 LUMMIS, C. F. Awakening of a nation; Mexico of today.
 SMITH, A. P. Village life in China.
 WHITNEY, CASPAR. Hawaiian America.

IV.

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

BAILEY, L. H. Vegetable gardening.
 BEARD, D. C. American boy's handy book.
 BEARD, L. AND A. B. American girl's handy book.

- HURLL, E. M. (Riverside art series.) Sir Joshua Reynolds, Millet.
 HURON, C. E. AND BAILEY, L. H. Amateur's practical garden book.
 (Gardencraft series.)

BIOGRAPHY.

- CHURCH, W. S. Ulysses S. Grant. (Heroes of the nations.)
 FIELDS, A. A. Life and letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe.
 HOWELLS, W. D. Literary friends and acquaintances.
 HUBERT, P. G., Jr. Inventors. (Men of achievement.)
 LORNE, MARQUIS OF. Queen Victoria; her life and empire.
 MABIE, W. H. William Shakespeare, poet, dramatist and man.
 RUS, J. A. Making of an American.
 WASHINGTON, B. T. Up from slavery.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- ALCOTT, L. M. Little women.
 BAKER, R. S. Boy's book of inventions.
 BUNYAN, JOHN. Pilgrim's progress in words of one syllable.
 CARROLL, LEWIS, *pseud.* Alice in wonderland.
 Alice through the looking-glass.
 DODGE, M. M. Hans Brinker; or the silver skates.
 FARMER, L. H. Girl's book of famous queens.
 FIELD, EUGENE. With trumpet and drum.
 HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL. Wonder book.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. First jungle book.
 KIRK, E. O. Dorothy and her friends.
 LANG, ANDREW, *ed.* Blue fairy book.
 PAGE, T. N. Two little confederates.
 PRATT, M. L. Stories of colonial children.
 Stories of great men.
 SCUDDER, H. E. Children's book.
 STEVENSON, R. L. Child's garden of verses.
 STODDARD, W. O. Talking leaves.
 THOMPSON, D. P. Green mountain boys.
 TOMLINSON, E. T. Short history of the revolution.
 TRUE, J. P. Iron star.
 WYSS, H. D. Swiss family Robinson.

FICTION.

- BACHELLER, IRVING. D'ri and I.
 BARR, A. E. Bow of orange ribbon.
 BESANT, Sir WALTER. All sorts and conditions of men.
 BLACK, WILLIAM. Princess of Thule.
 BRONTE, CHARLOTTE. Jane Eyre.
 BURNET, F. H. Making of a marchioness.
 CABLE, G. W. Cavalier.
 CATHERWOOD, M. H. Lazarre.
 CHAMBERS, ROBERT. Cardigan.
 CHURCHILL, WINSTON. Crisis.
 CONNOR, RALPH, *pseud.* Man from Glengarry.
 CRAIK, D. M. M. John Halifax.

CRAWFORD, F. M. Marietta; a maid of Venice.
 DAVIS, R. H. Gallagher and other stories.
 ELIOT, GEORGE, *pseud.* Romola.
 FROTHINGHAM, E. B. Turn of the road.
 HEGAN, A. C. Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch.
 HOWELLS, W. D. Rise of Silas Lapham.
 JEWETT, S. O. Strangers and wayfarers.
 JOHNSTON, MARY. Audrey.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. Kim.
 MERRIMAN, H. S., *pseud.* Sowers.
 MONTRÉSOR, F. F. One who looked on.
 PARKER, GILBERT. Right of way.
 ROBERTS, C. G. D. Heart of the ancient wood.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Danvis folks.
 RUNKLE, BERTHA. Helmet of Navarre.
 SCOTT, *Sir* Walter. Ivanhoe.
 SMITH, F. H. Tom Grogan.
 TAYLOR, M. I. Cardinal's musketeer.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. First Christmas tree.
 WARD, *Mrs.* M. A. Eleanor.
 WIGGIN, K. D. Cathedral courtship.
 WILKINS, M. E. Portion of labor.

HISTORY.

BARNES, A. S. & Co., *pubs.* History of the United States.
 BURGESS, J. W. Civil war and the constitution, 2 v.
 EARLE, A. M. Sabbath in Puritan New England.
 EGGLESTON, EDWARD. Transit of civilization from England to America in the 17th century.
 GILMAN, ARTHUR. Story of Rome. (Story of the nations).
 HARRISON, J. A. Story of Greece. (Story of the nations).
 LATIMER, *Mrs.* E. W. Last years of the 19th century.
 RAWLINSON, GEORGE. Story of ancient Egypt. (Story of the nations).

LITERATURE.

DORR, J. C. R. Poems.
 DRUMMOND, W. H. Johnnie Courteau.
 EMERSON, R. W. Essays.
 MATTHEWS, J. B. Poems of American patriotism.
 ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Strenuous Life.
 SAXE, J. G. Poems.
 STEDMAN, E. C., *ed.* Victorian anthology.
 STEPHENS, M. AND OTHERS. Counsel on the reading of books.

SCIENCE.

DANA, *Mrs.* F. T. How to know the wild flowers.
 MILLER, O. T. First book of birds.
 PRUDDEN, T. M. Bacteria.
 Drinking water and ice supplies.
 ST. JOHN, T. M. Things a boy should know about electricity.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Wild animals I have known.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- CANDER, H. C. How women may earn a living.
 HADLEY, A. T. Education of the American citizen.
 HARRISON, BENJAMIN. This country of ours.
 MÜNSTERBERG, HUGO. American traits.
 PLUMMER, M. W. Hints to small libraries.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. Workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- CLARK, F. E. New way around an old world.
 DEVEREUX, Mrs. ROY. Side lights on South Africa.
 LYNCH, HANNAH. French life in town and country.
 SMITH, A. P. Chinese characteristics.
 STEVENS, J. E. Yesterdays in the Philippines.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

Addison,	Fairfax,	Marshfield,
Alburg,	Fairfield,	Middletown Springs,
Andover,	Fletcher,	Milton,
Athens,	Franklin,	Montgomery,
Barnet,	Georgia,	New Haven,
Barton,	Grafton,	Newport,
Benson,	Granby,	Northfield,
Braintree,	Granville,	Orange,
†Brattleboro,	Greensboro,	Orwell,
Brighton,	Groton,	Peru,
Bristol,	†Guilford,	Pittsfield,
Cabot,	Hardwick,	Pomfret,
Cambridge,	Hartland,	Poultney,
Canaan,	Highgate,	Putney,
Castleton,	Hinesburgh,	Randolph,
†Cavendish,	Hyde Park,	Reading,
†Chelsea,	Isle La Motte,	Readsboro,
†Chester,	Jericho,	†Richford,
Chittenden,	Johnson,	†Richmond,
Concord,	Kirby,	Ripton,
Enosburg,	Landgrove,	Rochester,
Essex,	Lincoln,	†Rockingham,
†Fair Haven,	Lunenburg,	Royalton,
Fairlee,	Lyndon,	Ryegate,

Salisbury,	Sutton,	Westford,
†St. Albans,	Swanton,	West Haven,
§St. Albans (Town of),	Townshend,	Westmore,
Sharon,	Vershire,	Weston,
Shelburne,	Victory,	West Windsor,
Sheldon,	Waitsfield,	Weybridge,
Shoreham,	Walden,	Wheelock,
South Hero,	Wardsboro,	Whitingham,
Stamford,	Warren,	Wilmington,
Stockbridge,	Washington,	Windham,
†Stowe,	Waterford,	Woodbury,—109.
†Strafford,	Waterville,	
Sunderland,	Westfield,	

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Bennington,	Burlington,	Springfield,—3.
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CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Bethel,	Newbury,	West Rutland,
Guildhall,	Pittsford,	Windsor,—10.
Maidstone,	Rutland,	
Morristown,	Wallingford,	

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Bakersfield,	Hartford,	St. Johnsbury,
Brandon,	Montpelier,	Ludlow,
Charleston,	Newfane,	Woodstock,
Craftsbury,	Peacham,	Thetford,—12.

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

Albany,	Barre (Town of),	Bolton,
Arlington,	Belvidere,	*Bradford,
Baltimore,	Berkshire,	Bridgewater,
Barnard,	Berlin,	Bridport,
*Barre,	Bloomfield,	*Brookfield,

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City), and makes annual appropriation for its support.

Brookline,	*Ira,	Searsburg,
Brownington,	Irasburgh,	*Shaftsbury,
Brunswick,	Jamaica,	Sheffield,
*Burke,	Jay,	Sherburne,
*Calais,	Leicester,	Shrewsbury,
*Charlotte,	Lemington,	Somerset,
Clarendon,	*Londonderry,	South Burlington
Colchester,	Lowell,	Stannard,
*Corinth,	*Manchester,	Starksboro,
*Cornwall,	Marlboro,	Stratton,
*Coventry,	Mendon,	Sudbury,
Danby,	*Middlebury,	Tinmouth,
*Danville,	Middlesex,	Topsnam,
Derby,	Monkton,	Troy,
*Dorset,	Moretown,	Tunbridge,
Dover,	Morgan,	*Underhill,
*Dummerston,	Mt. Holly,	*Vergennes,
Duxbury,	Mt. Tabor,	Vernon,
East Haven,	*Newark,	Waltham,
*East Montpelier,	North Hero,	*Waterbury,
Eden,	Norton,	Weathersfield,
Elmore,	*Norwich,	Wells,
Fayston,	Panton,	West Fairlee,
Ferrisburg,	Pawlet,	Westminster,
Glastenbury,	Plainfield,	*Whiting,
Glover,	Plymouth,	*Williamstown,
Goshen,	Pownal,	Williston,
*Grand Isle,	*Proctor,	Winhall,
Halifax,	Roxbury,	Wolcott,
Hancock,	Rupert,	Woodford,
Holland,	Rutland (Town of),	Worcester,—112.
Hubbardton,	St. George,	
Huntington,	Sandgate,	

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

Burke,	Glover,	Starksboro,
Colchester,	Jamaica,	Tinmouth,
Coventry,	Jericho,	Vernon,
Dummerston,	Kirby,	Waterbury Center,
East Barre,	Lowell,	Wells,
East Berkshire,	Lyndonville,	Williamstown,
East Hardwick,	*Plainfield,	Worcester.
East Montpelier,	South Woodstock,	
Hinesburgh,	Stamford,	

*Library maintained by Kellogg Hubbard Library of Montpelier.



MARY L. BLOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WEST WINDSOR (BROWNSVILLE).
THE GIFT OF HON. BENJAMIN F. BLOOD.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES MADE, OR THAT HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1900.

LIBRARY.	DONATION.	DONOR.
Andover.....	288 books.....	Friends.
Bennington.....	\$250.00.....	F. B. Jennings.
Brandon.....	700.00.....	Lectures, entertainments, etc.
Brattleboro.....	100.00.....	Dorman B. Eaton.
Brighton.....	100.00.....	Benefit.
Brookfield.....	150.00.....	Mrs. Lucinda Smith.
Burlington.....	50,000.00.....	Andrew Carnegie.
Castleton.....	25.00.....	Mr. Hoar.
Concord.....	55.00.....	Entertainment.
Corinth.....	{ Building costing \$15,000	C. M. and N. Blake.
	{ 700 vols.	
Craftsbury.....	100 vols.....	Estate of Miss Mary Scott
Danville.....	\$75.00.....	
Dorset.....	34.00.....	Friends.
Enosburgh.....	200.00.....	Olin Merrill.
Essex.....	80.00.....	Entertainment.
Gulford.....	50.00.....	Gulford Dramatic Club.
Gulldhall.....	{ Building, equipment, site and 500 vol.....	Col. E. C. Benton, Boston.
Greensboro.....	Building.....	H. S. Tolman.
Johnson.....	150 books.....	Friends.
Hardwick.....	\$232.00.....	Entertainment.
Hinesburg.....	100.00.....	Citizens.
Manchester.....	100.00.....	G. A. Armour.
New Haven.....	100.00.....	Entertainment.
Northfield.....	100.00.....	Mrs. Braley.
Norwich.....	Building costing \$2,500	Popular subscription.
Pittsford.....	{ \$350.00.....	
	{ 337 vols.....	
Proctor.....	\$160.00.....	Senator Redfield Proctor.
Randolph.....	{ Building costing over \$10,000.....	Col. R. J. Kimball.
Rutland.....	70.00.....	Dramatic Club.
Sharon.....	25.00.....	Dr. E. K. Baxter.
South Hero.....	30.00.....	Entertainment.
Swanton.....	500 books.....	From library of Rev. John L. Tupper.
Shoreham.....	\$155.00.....	Gifts and entertainments.
Vergennes.....	196.00.....	Friends.
Vershire.....	100 vols.....	Judge Russell S. Taft.
Wallingford.....	\$2,000.00.....	Susan E. Boyce.
Waterbury.....	81.00.....	Various sources.
West Windsor.....	750.00.....	B. F. Blood.
Windsor.....	2,000.00.....	C. C. Beaman.

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FUND	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. July, 1902	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT. APP. BY TOWN APR. 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Addison.....	Addison Free Public Lib.....	1902	Yes	Mary E. Wilmarth.....	110	110	Yes	\$25.00		
Bridport.....	No library.....									
Bristol.....	Bristol Free Library.....	1902	Yes	Kate I. Stewart.....	1,116	142	Yes	200.00		
Cornwall.....	Lane Library.....	1859	No	Mrs. E. O. Porter.....	1,026		No			
Ferrisburg.....	No library.....									
Goshen.....	No library.....									
Granville.....	Granville Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Bessie Hubbard.....	323	40	Yes	15.00		
Hancock.....	No library.....									
Leicester.....	No library.....									
Lincoln.....	Lincoln Free Library.....	1900	Yes	Edna C. Bristol.....	300	10	Yes	25.00		
Middlebury.....	Ladies' Library.....	1866	No	Emma L. Higley.....	4,610	212	No		\$5,000.00	Miss Starr.
Middlebury.....	College Library.....	1800	Yes	C. B. Wright.....	24,003		No			
Monkton.....	No library.....									
New Haven.....	New Haven Town Library.....	1901	Yes	Sherrod Brown.....	304	304	Yes	25.00		
Orwell.....	Orwell Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Addie M. Raymond.....	810	140	Yes	100.00		
Panton.....	No library.....									
Ripton.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Timothy Billings.....	330		Yes	15.00		
Salisbury.....	Salisbury Public Library.....	1901	Yes				Yes			
Shoreham.....	Shoreham Public Library.....	1898	Yes	Marcia A. Douglas.....	690	50	Yes	25.00		
Starkboro.....	No library.....									
Vergennes.....	Vergennes Library.....	1876	No	Mary P. Tucker.....	3,455	95	No	212.00		
Waltham.....	No library.....									
Weybridge.....	The Cotton Free Public Li- brary of Weybridge.....	1899	Yes	Martin E. Sprague.....	840	95	Yes	25.00		
Whiting.....	Whiting Circulating Lib.....	1899	No	Mrs. K. H. Ketcham.....	202	7	No		6,000.00	Joshua F. Cotton.

Library free, 11 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 9 towns; total, 23 towns.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY 1902.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT'NT APP. BY TOWN, 1902.	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Arlington	No library									
Bennington	Bennington Free Library	1865	Yes	Mary B. Merrill	6,032	225	No	\$500.00		
Dorset	Dorset Public Library	1870	No	H. D. Baldwin	760	160	No			
Glastenbury	No library									
Landgrove	Landgrove Public Library	1893	Yes	Mrs. R. R. Wiley	270	92	Yes	15.00		
Manchester	Mark Skinner Library	1897	No	Clara M. Chamberlin	1,300	900	No			
Pera	Pera Free Library	1895	Yes	Mrs. C. W. Whitney	511	123	Yes	15.00	\$750	Mrs. Frances Skinner Willing
Pownal	No library									
Readshoro	Readshoro Free Library	1899	Yes	A. P. Bishop	579	70	Yes	50.00		
Rupert	No library									
Sandgate	No library									
Scarsburg	No library									
Shafsbury	South Shafsbury Lib. Ass'n	1874	No	Mrs. Sarah Winfield	800	20	No			
Stamford	Stamford Public Library	1895	Yes	Miss M. C. Morrissey	324	22	Yes	15.00		
Sunderland	Sunderland Town Library	1896	Yes	J. M. Gregory	212	72	Yes	15.00		
Winhall	No library									
Woodford	No library									

Library free, 6 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. 1902	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	STATE AID	AMT APP BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Barnet.....	Barnet Free Public Library	1900	Yes	Henrietta Wilkey.....	856	365	Yes	\$180.00	\$50.00	.....
Barnet, (East).....	Ladies' Library Association	1872	No	Mrs. Susan Streeter.....	400	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Burke, (West).....	Ladies' Library Association	1875	No	Mrs. Sarah A. Bud.....	1,107	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Danville.....	Ladies' Library Association	1879	No	Mrs. S. C. Currier.....	1,500	50	No	.....	1,000.00	Building given by Mrs. C. B. Pope.
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes	George N. Clark.....	540	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Hardwick.....	Hathaway Free Public Lib.	1895	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	950	.....	Yes	\$400.00	.....	.....
Kirby.....	Jeanie Memorial Library	1897	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	814	69	No	.....	.....	(Given by Mrs. M. M. Judevine.
Lyndon.....	Kirby Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Nellie A. Russell.....	396	55	Yes	40.00	.....	.....
Newark.....	Lyndon Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. Ruston.....	1,955	284	Yes	330.00	.....	.....
Peacham.....	Ladies' Library.....	No	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rye Gate.....	Juvenile Library Society.....	1810	Yes	Anna E. Renfrew.....	2,027	33	No	.....	1,535.00	Thaddeus Stevens and others.
St. Johnsbury.....	Rye Gate Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mary S. Beattie.....	586	.....	Yes	.....	52,000.00	Horace Fairbanks.
Sheffield.....	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.....	1871	Yes	E. T. Fairbanks.....	16,816	338	No	.....	.....	.....
Stannard.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. L. B. Wilson.....	641	30	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Walden.....	Walden Free Public Library	1895	Yes	George T. Eastman.....	382	22	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Waterford.....	Waterford Free Library.....	1896	Yes	E. W. Brown.....	215	15	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Wheelock.....	Wheelock Public Library.....	1897	Yes	G. A. Orcutt.....	400	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 2 towns; total, 17 towns. † Annually. * For running both libraries in town.



BARNET FREE LIBRARY.



BARNET FREE LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO VOLS. JULY 1902	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bolton.	No library									
Burlington.	Billings library.	1835	Yes	Edith E. Clarke.	64,212	No.	No.		\$50,000.00	Frederick Billings.
									10,000.00	Maria Loomis.
									1,200.00	Wheeler Fund.
Burlington.	Fletcher Free Library.	1874	Yes	Sarah C. Hagar.	40,000	700	No.	\$2,200.00	450.00	Strong Fund.
Charlotte.	Hosford Lib. of Bap. church.	1876	§	Roderic Bro.	900	60	No.			Mary L. Fletcher.
Colchester.	King's Daughters Library.	1901	No.	Miss Hattie Hill.	121	121	No.		450.00	John Sherman.
Essex.	Essex Free Library.	1899	Yes	The Town Clerk.	900	100	Yes	50.00		
Hinesburg.	Hinesburg Public Library.	1902	Yes				Yes	100.00		
Huntington.	No library									
Jericho.	Jericho Town Library.	1899	Yes	Mrs. Jennie W. Hart	600		Yes	25.00		
Milton.	Milton Free Library.	1898	Yes	Mrs. C. L. Wolcott.	283	17	Yes	25.00		
Richmond.	Richmond Free Library.	1888	Yes	Anna Norton.	900	No.	No.	†	1,387.36	Jonas F. Barber.
St. George.	No library									
Shelburne.	Shelburne Free Library.	1896	Yes	Mrs. A. Malette.	933	120	Yes	68.00	450.00	Mrs. W. S. Webb.
So. Burlington.	No library									
Underhill.	Underhill Library Ass'n.	No.		A. C. Humphrey.	800	25	No.			
Westford.	Westford Free Library.	1895	Yes	John E. Allen.	538	28	Yes	50.00		
Williston.	No library									

Library free, 8 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 16 towns. § Free for parish. * Appropriated by the city. † Yearly. ‡ Town pays salary of librarian.

ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bloomfield	No library									
Brighton	Island Pond Public Library	1895	Yes	Leta J. Eaton	950	111	Yes	\$100.00		
Brunswick	No library									
Canaan	Canaan Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. C. H. Weeks	400		Yes	25.00		
Concord	Concord Public Library	1896	Yes	H. C. Wilcox	800		Yes	25.00		
East Haven	No library									
Granby	Town Library	1896	Yes	Lella Matthews	199	33	Yes	25.00		
Guildhall	Guildhall Public Library	1901	Yes	Mrs. Chas. F. Webb	700	165	No	\$5.00		{ Building given and furnished by Hon. E. C. Benton.
Lemington	No library									
Lunenburg	Lunenburg Public Library	1895	Yes	Julia R. White	920	90	Yes	50.00		
Maidstone	†		Yes							
Norton	No library									
Victory	Victory Public Library	1897	Yes	Mrs. Heman Boyce	199		Yes	15.00		

Library free, 8 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 13 towns. * Guildhall appropriated \$50.00, Maidstone \$25.00, Northumberland, N. H., \$10.00, and all have free use of the library by terms of the bequest. † Makes appropriation for, and by terms of the bequest has free use of Guildhall Public Library.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. July, 1902	No. Vols. Added Last Year	STATE AID	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bakersfield	† No library		Yes							
Berkshire	Berkshire Public Library	1896	Yes	Edith Pratt	1,824	244	Yes	\$100.00		
Bristol	Bristol Free Library	1900	Yes	Alice Orton	343	53	Yes	25.00		
Fairfax	Fairfax Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. A. G. Soule	178					
Fairfield	Fairfield Free Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. A. Carpenter	320	14	Yes	25.00		
Fletcher	Fletcher Free Library	1896	Yes	C. W. Powell	700	62	Yes	25.00		
Franklin	Franklin Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Abner Bliss	300	83	Yes	25.00		
Georgia	Georgia Free Library	1898	Yes	Josephine H. Lyon	240	100	Yes	25.00		
Highgate	Free Library	1895	Yes	Nellie S. Brown	500		No		\$350.00	Arvin A. Brown.
Montgomery	Town Library	1895	Yes	Bertha C. Jenkinson	1,365	589	No		1,000.00	Luther B. Hunt.
Richardson	Arvin A. Brown Public Lib.	1895	Yes		4,628					
St. Albans	St. Albans Free Public Lib.	1865	Yes							
Sheldon	Sheldon Free Public Lib.	1897	Yes	Mrs. Lester C. Royce	590	239	Yes	40.00	3,000.00	Jonathan Northrop.
Swanton	Swanton Free Library	1899	Yes	Beattie S. Rogers	1,712	655	Yes	200.00		

Library free, 14 towns; no library, 1 town; total, 15 towns. * Yearly. † Appropriated by the city, \$500.00. Appropriated by the town \$100.00. ‡ Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield. § Makes appropriation for, has free use of and has three members in the board of nine trustees of St. Albans city library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

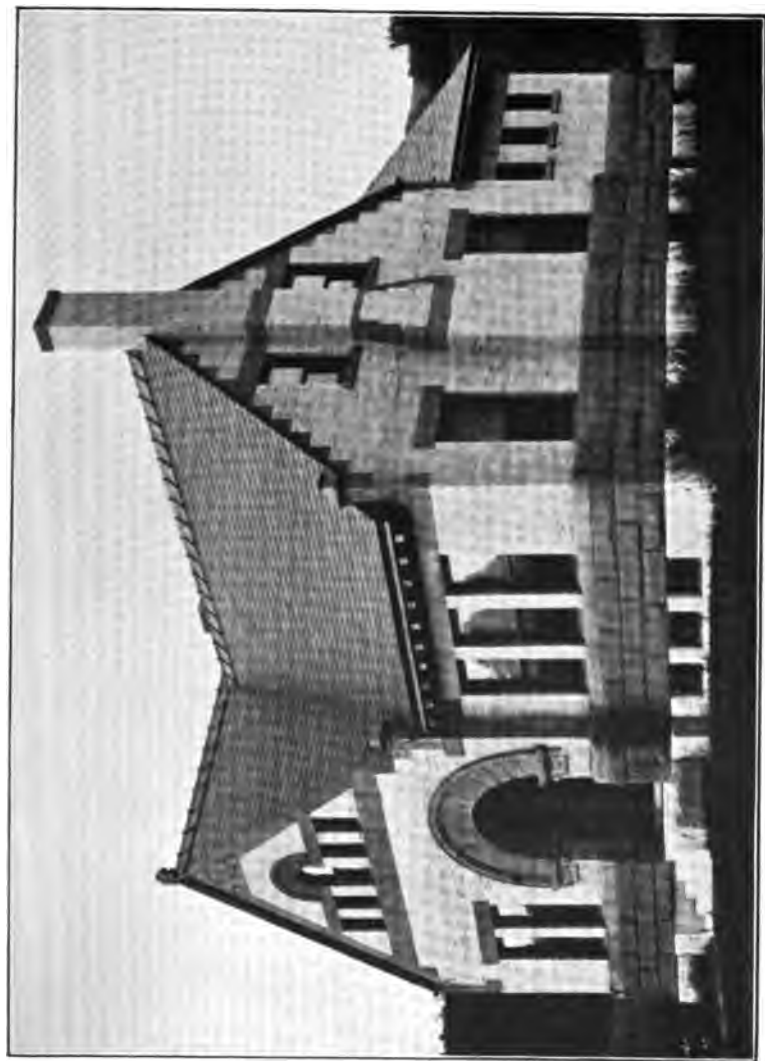
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Alburg.....	Alburg Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. F. H. Brayton.....	625	25	Yes	\$25.00		
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1888	No	Cordelia Ford.....	225	10	No			
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Nellie Dubois.....	134	14	Yes	15.00		
North Hero.....	No library.....									
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. Julia Hall.....	393	52	Yes	15.00		

Library free, 3 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 1 town; total, 5 towns.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. July, 1902	No. Vols. Added Last Year	STATE AID	AMT APP BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Belvidere.....	No library.....				374	87	Yes	\$50.00		
Cambridge.....	Cambridge Town Library.....	1899	Yes	Carrie P. Carroll.....						
Eden.....	No library.....									
Elmore.....	No library.....									
Hyde Park.....	Hyde Park Public Library.....	1896	Yes		1,000	50	Yes	50.00		
Johnson.....	Johnson Public Library.....	1895	Yes		691	121	Yes	50.00		
Morristown.....	Morristown Centennial Lib.....	1890	Yes	F. G. Fleetwood.....	1,400	200	No	175.00	\$36.00	
Stowe.....	Stowe Free Library.....	1866	Yes	Mrs. M. A. Jenney.....	2,165	23	No	50.00		
Waterville.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. R. A. Willey.....	107		Yes		500.00	
Wolcott.....	No library.....									

Library free, 6 towns; no library, 4 towns; total, 10 towns. * Annually.



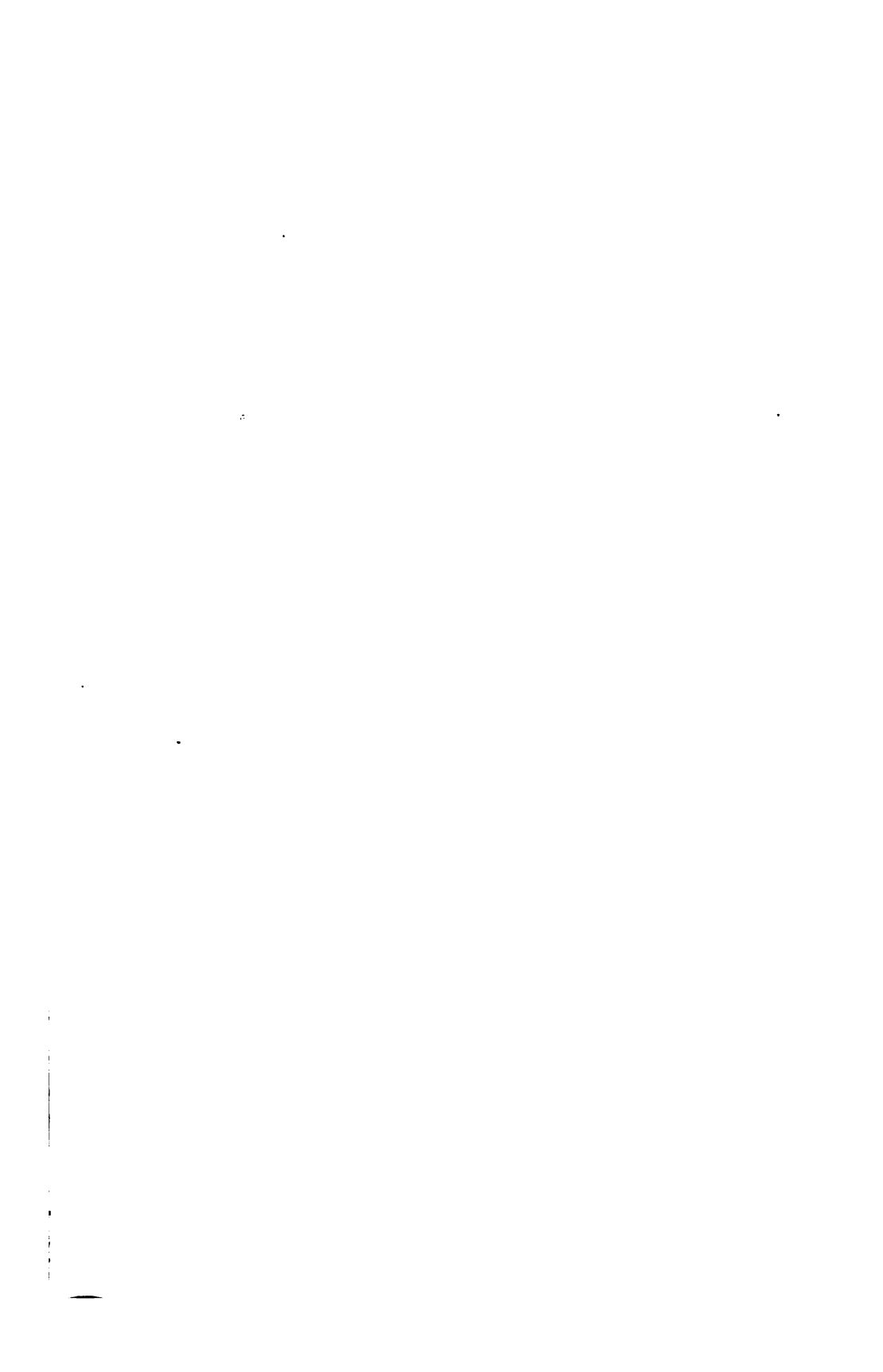
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, EAST CORINTH.



BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY—ART ROOM.



BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY—READING ROOM.



ORANGE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bradford	Woods Public Library	1895	No	Annie C. Spaulding	3,000	60	No	\$25.00	\$5,000.00	J. L. Woods.
Brantree	Brantree Public Library	1900	Yes	Isabel Lasky	2,700	160	Yes	\$25.00		
Brookfield	Brookfield Town Library	1787	No	Rudiah Farmer	2,400	30	No	\$50.00		Building given by Alden
Chelsea	Alden Speare Memorial Lib	1892	Yes	Nellie Corwin	1,390	37	No			Mrs. Almira Fenno, Mr. Chas. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Blake. Also gave building.
Corinth	Blake Memorial Library	1894	No	Mrs. S. Butterfield	2,000	900	No		\$500.00	Building given by Martha J. Tenney.
Fairlee	Fairlee Public Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. B. W. Abbott	382	19	Yes	15.00		Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker, Building given by Col. R. J. Kimball.
Newbury	Tenney Memorial Library	1897	Yes	Francis M. Atkinson	3,784	73	No	150.00		Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill.
Orange	Orange Library	1881	Yes	Mrs. Myra F. Davis	575	3	Yes		2,500.00	Mrs. A. L. Barney.
Randolph	Randolph Public Library	1896	Yes	Maud E. Blanchard	3,088	220	Yes	200.00	3,300.00	
Stratford	Harris Library	1855	Yes	Marian C. Hatch	4,900	200	No	15.00	1,050.00	
Thetford	Leatham Memorial Lib.	1876	Yes	A. E. Lambert	2,325	75	No		1,500.00	
Topsham	Peabody Library	1867	No	Harvey Dodge	4,500		No			
Tunbridge	No library									
Vershire	Colton Library	1895	Yes	Rev. A. C. Dodge	287	100	Yes	15.00		
Washington	Washington Town Library	1896	Yes	Charles Emery	480	40	Yes	25.00	600.00	Mrs. H. A. White.
West Fairlee	No library									
Williamstown	Williamstown Social Lib.	1801	No	George E. Wilber	2,900	50	No			

Library free, 10 towns; library not free, 4 towns; no libraries, 8 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO VOLS. JULY 1902	NO VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Albany	No library									
Barton	Barton Town Library	1896	Yes	L. M. Hubbard	1200	200	Yes	\$200.00		
Brownington	Cong'l Sunday School Lib.	1900	No	Mabel Dutton	150		No			
Charleston	E. Charleston Read'g Circle	1896	Yes	Mrs. I. R. Wolcott	438	98	No			
Country	Country Library Assoc.	1874	No	A. D. Thurber	300	27	No			
Craftsbury	Craftsbury Academy Lib.	1879	Yes	Arthur C. Cole	2,150	25	No			
Derby	No library									
Glover	No library									
Greensboro	Greensboro Free Library	1900	Yes	Frances H. Babbitt	878	249	Yes	125.00		{ Building given by Mr. H. S. Tolman.
Holland	No library									
Irasburg	No library									
Jay	No library									
Lowell	No library									
Morgan	No library									
Newport	Goodrich Memorial Lib.	1899	Yes	Lizzie M. Sargent	6,710	113	Yes	415.00	\$32,000.00	Converse G. Goodrich
Troy	No library									
Westfield	Westfield Public Library	1896	Yes	E. S. Miller	413	98	Yes	15.00		
Westmore	Westmore Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Al Bean	380	8	Yes			

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 2 towns; no library, 9 towns; total, 18 towns.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT APP BY TOWN BY 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Benson	Benson Free Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. P. E. Wilcox	869	83	Yes	\$100.00		
Brandon	Brandon Free Public Lib.	1901	Yes	Ida J. S. Kingsley	1,610	517	No			
Castleton	Castleton Free Library	1897	Yes	Minnie A. Rice	1,413	100	Yes	100.00		
Chittenden	Chittenden Free Public Lib.	1896	Yes	E. J. Perry	426	35	Yes	25.00		
Clarendon	No library									
Danby	No library									
Fair Haven	Fair Haven Public Library	1886	Yes	Ellen F. Dewey	4,032	200	No	600.00		
Hubbardton	No library									
Ira	Baptist-Sunday School Lib.	1850	Yes	Grace E. Lincoln	100	7	No			
Mendon	No library									
Middletown Sp	Public library	1899	Yes	Dana S. Carpenter	509	206	Yes	160.00		
Mt. Holly	No library									
Mt. Tabor	No library									
Pawlet	No library									
Pittsfield	Pittsfield Free Town Lib.	1900	Yes	Rufus Holt	157	48	Yes	15.00		
Pittsford	Maclure Library	1839	Yes	Bertha M. Shaw	5,350	384	No	224.00		
Poultney	Poultney Public Library	1895	Yes	Addie Kilborn	3,732	172	Yes	500.00		Walker Memorial building given by Henry F. Walker, M. D., otherwise endowed by several.
Proctor	Proctor Public Library	1881	No	Mary K. Norton	5,046	190	No			
Rutland	Rutland Free Library	1886	Yes	Lucy D. Cheney	13,373	664	No	100.00		
"	H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib.	1891	Yes	Mrs. E. C. Riker			No			Supported by H. H. Baxter
"	Town									
Sherburne	No library									
Shrewsbury	No library									
Sudbury	No library									
Timothy	No library									
Wallingford	Gilbert Hart Library	1894	Yes	May L. Congdon	2,800	100	No	325.00	2,000	Susan E. Boyne
Wells	No library									
West Haven	Free Circulating Library	1899	Yes	Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock	200	48	Yes	25.00		
West Rutland	West Rutland Library	1881	Yes	Anna H. Spencer	1,598	200	No	320.00		

Library free, 14 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 13 towns; total, 28 towns. * Annually.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. July 1902	No. Vols. Last Year	STATE AID	AMT APP BY TOWN, 1902.	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Barre.....	{ Barre Library Association	1873 No.	No.	Mrs. Louise L. Boyce	2,848	.....	No.	*300.00	\$2,600	E. E. French
Barre (town of).....	{ E. E. French Library	1889 No.	No.	"	1,593	.....	No.	.....	.....	.....
Berlin.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cabot.....	Cabot Free Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. J. L. Kimball	577	4	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Calais.....	Calais Circulating Library	1882 No.	No.	Mrs. A. I. Converse	1,050	.....	No.	.....	.....	.....
Duxbury.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Montpelier.....	Dramatic and Musical Club	1877 No.	No.	George Kelton	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Payson.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield.....	Jaquith Public Library	1899	Yes	A. E. Lamberton	2,493	298	Yes	150.00	†160	.....
Middlesex.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montpelier.....	{ Kellogg-Hubbard Library	1896	Yes	Mary E. Macomber	12,296	656	No.	.....	125,000	{ Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John B. Hubbard.
Moretown.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northfield.....	Northfield Free Public Lib.	1895	Yes	Ellen L. Brown	2,000	208	Yes	254.00	.....	.....
Plainfield.....	{ Mission Band Library sup- ported by Cong'l Church	.....	No.	Rev. L. Wadtz	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waitsfield.....	Waitsfield Town Library	1900	Yes	Flora Mortlary	401	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Warren.....	Warren Town Library	1901	Yes	Mrs. Laura Parker	204	54	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Waterbury.....	Waterbury Public Library	1888 No.	No.	Julia Parker	1,922	146	No.	.....	.....	.....
Woodbury.....	Woodbury Public Library	1895	Yes	B. H. Daniels	803	36	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Worcester.....	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 5 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 20 towns. * For care of both libraries. † Annually. ‡ Main-
tain six traveling libraries in outlying districts.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

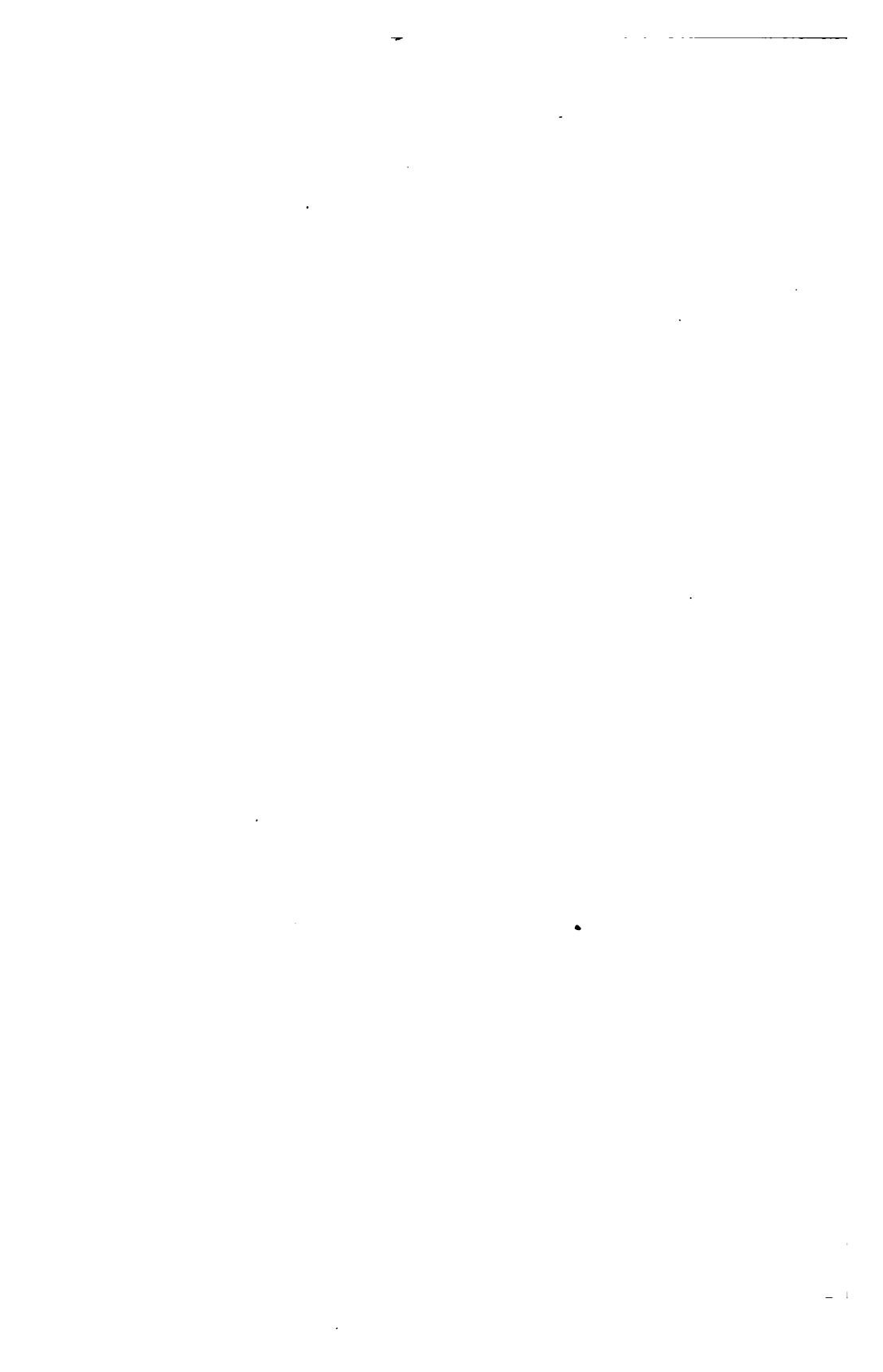
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Athens.....	Athens Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. W. Smith.....	268	10	Yes	\$15.00
Brattleboro.....	Brattleboro Free Library.....	1882	Yes	Mary F. Shaksbher.....	12,621	480	No	1,600.00
Brookline.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Dover.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Dummerston.....	Agricultural Library Ass'n.....	1860	No	Henry H. Miller.....	150		No		.....	.....
Grafton.....	Grafton Public Library.....	1869	Yes	Mrs. Thaddeus Park.....	2,700	100	No	100.00	\$500.00	Mrs. L. B. Daniels.....
Guilford.....	Guilford Free Library.....	1891	Yes	Mrs. E. Alexander.....	1,275	1	No	30.00	1,000.00	Mrs. C. A. King.....
Halifax.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Jamaica.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Londonderry.....	Londonderry Library Ass'n.....	1882	No	Mrs. H. A. Hayward.....	900		No		.....	.....
Marlboro.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Newfauc.....	Moore Free library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. P. C. Moore.....	3,663	222	No		2,000.00	Mrs. Philura C. Moore.....
Putney.....	Putney Public Library.....	1897	Yes	Miss Freeda Pember.....	1,014	34	Yes	1 5.00	500.00	C. W. Kimball.....
Rockingham.....	Rockingham Free Library.....	1888	Yes	Mrs. N. A. Plantien.....	7,800	850	No	900.00	.....	.....
Somerset.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Stratton.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Townshend.....	Townshend Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. F. L. Osgood.....	299	78	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Vernon.....	No library.....								.....	.....
Wardsboro.....	Wardsboro Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. S. D. May.....	542	2	Yes	15.00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	Ladies' Aid Society Library.....	1870	No	Nellie Houghton.....	852	42	No		*45.00	.....
Whitingham.....	Whitingham Free L brary.....	1894	Yes	Carrie B. Chase.....	944	70	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	Wilmington Free L brary.....	1895	Yes	Helen Buell.....	1,241	207	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Windham.....	Windham Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. M. Lamson.....	417		Yes	15.00	.....	.....

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 23 towns. * Annually.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902	ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP BY TOWN 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Andover	Andover Town Library	1896	Yes	H. B. Stannard	730	130	Yes	\$15.00		
Baltimore	No library									
Barnard	No library									
Bethel	Bethel Public Library	1893	Yes	Minnie D. Marsh	1,200	75	No	35.00		
Bridgewater	No library									
Cavendish	Fletcher Town Library	1870	Yes	E. G. White	6,000	100	No		\$100.00	Richard Fletcher.
Chester	Whiting Free Library	1888	Yes	C. Geneva Pollard	2,916	10	No	350.00	4,000.00	{ Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail B. Whiting
Hartford	Hartford Library	1892	Yes	Fannie L. Wright	3,056	105	No		10,000.00	Ephraim Morris.
Hartford (vil- lage of Wild- er)	Wilder Club and Library	1899	Yes	L. M. Hodgkins	1,200	47	No		30,000.00	Charles T. Wilder.
Hartland	Hartland Public Library	1896	Yes	Louise R. Sturtevant	1,200	29	Yes	25.00		{ Given and entirely supported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher.
Ludlow	Fletcher Memorial L'brary	1901	Yes	Etna Pierce	7,152		No			{ Building given by popular subscription.
Norwich	Norwich Public Library	1880	No	Mrs. Ellen W. Knight	2,475	183	No			
Plymouth	No library									
Pomfret	Pomfret Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. W. W. Miller	740	12	Yes	25.00		
Reading	Reading Free Library	1896	Yes	Minnie C. Fay	1,720	66	Yes	25.00		
Rochester	Rochester Free Library	1895	Yes	Miss L. H. Washburn	845	100	Yes	200.00		
Royalton	Royalton Free Library	1896	Yes	Seymour Culver	800	12	Yes	25.00		
Sharon	Sharon Public Library	1895	Yes	Mrs. H. A. Roberts	637	53	Yes	25.00		
Springfield	Springfield Town Library	1871	Yes	Mattie Goodnough	4,644	200	No	500.00	158.52	{ One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Semi- nary building.
Stockbridge	{ Stockbridge Free Library Belcher Library	{ 1895 1896	{ Yes Yes	{ J. A. Chedel J. B. Steele	{ 218 2,550	{ 240 240	{ Yes Yes	{ 25.00 75.00	{ *400.00	William C. Belcher.
Weathersfield	No library									
Weston	Weston Free Library	1898	Yes	George H. Coburn	825	80	Yes	50.00		
West Windsor	Mary L. Blood Mem'l Lib.	1901	Yes	J. A. Savage	957	92	Yes	75.00		Bldg. given by Hon. B. F. Blood
Windsor	Windsor Library Ass'n	1882	Yes	Rev. B. N. Goddard	9,200	346	No	4 0 00	10,000.00	Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow.
Woodstock	Norman Williams Pub. Lib.	1885	Yes	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith	13,077	652	No		*2,720.00	Dr. B. H. Williams.

Library free, 18 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 5 towns, total, 24 towns. * Annually. † Libraries united 1897.





TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

REPORT OF
TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

No. 1.

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., 1901.

The Vermont Free Library Commission has been empowered to purchase a number of traveling libraries which it can loan to small libraries, or to library associations in farming communities and small villages. Each of these libraries contains from thirty to forty volumes of interesting and wholesome books. It will remain in a community for six months and must then be returned to the Commission to be exchanged for another, if desired.

To secure the visits of these libraries the people of a community must first organize a library association which shall include at least three responsible citizens. They must elect a Secretary who shall be authorized to receive the libraries and return them, and who is empowered to act as their agent in dealing with the Commission. They shall also elect a librarian (though the Secretary may act as librarian) who shall have charge of the libraries which the association may receive. The Secretary and at least two other responsible members shall sign an application promising:

1. To pay the expenses of the transportation of these libraries from and to St. Johnsbury and to provide a suitable and convenient place in which to keep them.

2. That the books of these libraries shall be loaned without charge to any persons in the community who will observe the rules made by the Commission.

3. That the association will be responsible for the safe return of the books of the library in good condition except for unavoidable wear and tear.

The libraries will be sent by express.

Address all inquiries to MRS. WALTER P. SMITH, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

No. 2.

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont :—

We the undersigned citizens of

....., hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library under the Session Laws of 1900.

We name....., whom we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary, and to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to and from St. Johnsbury, and to make good any losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said library is in our custody.

..... this..... day
of A. D. 190

No. 3.

SUGGESTIONS TO LIBRARIANS OF THE VERMONT FREE TRAVELING
LIBRARIES.

Will you kindly observe the following directions.

1. Always acknowledge at once the receipt of a library.
2. You are entitled to keep a library six months. At the expiration of that time, return the library for exchange, or write the superintendent asking for an extension of time.
3. In returning libraries pack the books so securely that they will not slide or shift, and prepay the express.
4. Have books stand straight on the shelves or lie flat on their sides.
5. If leaves of books become loose do not reissue the books, but keep them in your possession till the library is returned.
6. If you do not use borrowers cards (and they are not necessary), whenever a book goes out, note on the slip at the back of the book the day

it is due. On its return cross off this date. Be sure borrowers understand this is for their convenience.

7. The price of each book is shown in the list written into each record book. For loss of a book collect its cost, and for undue damage collect a fair proportion of the cost.

The usefulness and ultimate success of these libraries will depend largely upon your efforts. The books are suited to various tastes and people should not stop taking books because they do not happen to enjoy the first they take. The criticisms of your patrons and your own reading will soon enable you to help your neighbors in their selections. The best of the books for children are enjoyed by everybody.

Anybody can get trained readers to take interesting books. Your success will be determined by your ability to train people who are not habitual readers of good books to become so. Be patient and do not be disappointed if you do not always secure immediate results.

It is especially desired that the children be helped to the use of the books in their department.

Help to train people to handle books carefully, and to keep them clean. Good care of books should not, however, be emphasized until people are afraid to use them.

You will confer a favor by making any suggestions that will lead to the increased usefulness of these libraries.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

TRAVELING LIBRARY, No. VII.

FICTION.

- 1 **Churchill, Winston.** The crisis. Illus.
An exciting love story. Scene laid in the South during the civil war.
- 2 **Cooper, James Fenimore.** The deerslayer.
The first of the leather stocking tales in the order of reading.
- 3 **Foote, Mrs. Mary Hallock.** The led-horse claim.
Scene laid in the Shoshone mining camp in Colorado.
- 4 **Fox, John, Jr.** Crittenden; a Kentucky story of love and war.
- 5 **Frothingham, Eugenia Brooks.** The turn of the road.
A love story in which the heroine makes a choice between love and a career.
Natural and wholesome.
- 6 **Hawthorne, Nathaniel.** Scarlet letter.
"Remarkable for a highly finished and beautiful style and the most charming artistic skill" The setting is colonial.
- 7 **Hugo, Victor.** Les misérables. Illus. Tr. by Isabel F. Hapgood.
Vol. I.
- 8 Vol. II.
One of the greatest novels ever written. A story of the redemption of the sons of man from passion and sin to christian service and self sacrifice.

- 9 **Janvier, T. A.** The passing of Thomas, and other stories. Illus.
A group of short stories.
- 10 **Macdonald, George.** Robert Falconer.
A fine story with some Scotch dialect.
- 11 **Montrésor, F. F.** The one who looked on.
A very sweet story of life in an Irish family.
- 12 **Runkle, Bertha.** The helmet of Navarre. Illus.
An exciting story with scene laid in Paris in the XVIth century.
- 13 **Sawyer, Josephine C.** Every inch a king.
Gives a new view of Henry V. of England.
- 14 **Taylor, M. Imlay.** The cardinal's musketeer.
A tale of love and adventure. The scene is laid in France when Cardinal Richelieu was at the height of his power.
- 15 **Wilkins, Mary E.** Portion of labor.
"Story of New England life in a manufacturing village."

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 16 **Alcott, Louisa M.** Eight cousins. Illus.
Story of one girl and seven boys who lived on an "aunt hill."
- 17 **Baylor, Frances Courtenay.** Juan and Juanita. Illus.
Essentially true story of two Mexican children who were captured by the Indians and lived with them for four years.
- 18 **Brown, Abbie Farwell.** The loneliest doll. Illus.
A quaint and pretty story of a very lonesome doll, and a very lonesome queen.
- 19 **Church, Alfred J.** Stories from Virgil. Illus.
These stories, twenty-six in all, begin with the siege of Troy and carry Æneas through all his wanderings in Italy.
- 20 **Deland, Ellen Douglas.** Oakleigh. Illus.
The home life of five children. Interesting to both boys and girls.
- 21 **Dodge, Mrs. Mary (Mapes).** The land of pluck. Illus.
Stories and sketches of the boys and girls of Holland.
- 22 **Jenks, Tudor.** Boys' book of explorations. Illus.
True stories of the heroes of travel and discovery in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas.
- 23 **Lang, Andrew.** True story book. Illus.
Wanderings of Prince Charlie; discoveries of Lief, the Lucky; Grace Darling; Cortez in Mexico; and other perilous adventures which have become famous.
- 24 **Miller, Olive Thorne** *pseud.* Second book of birds. Illus.
In which bird families are described. The book has eight colored plates and other full page illustrations.
- 25 **Stories of American Pioneers.** Illus.
Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clarke, Fremont and Carson. For the youngest readers.
- 26 **True, John Preston.** The iron star and what it saw on its journey through the ages.
The story of a meteor which fell to earth. Very interesting.
- 27 **Wade, Mary Hazelton.** Our little Russian cousin. Illus.
A book describing child life in Russia.
- 28 **Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. (Smith).** Timothy's quest.
A story for anybody young or old who cares to read it.
- 29 **Wyss, Johann David.** Swiss family Robinson. Illus.
Adventures of a shipwrecked family on a desolate island. A classic for youth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 30 **Amicis, Edmondo de.** Holland and its people. Illus.
Most interesting sketches of the country and its peculiar civilization.
- 31 **Blaikie, W. Garden.** Life of David Livingstone.
Chiefly from his unpublished journals and correspondence in the possession of his family.
- 32 **Call, Annie Payson.** Power through repose.
A book needed by most Americans. Full of striking good sense and also practical.
- 33 **Eggleston, Edward.** The transit of civilization.
Treats of the mental outfit, medical notions, folklore and measures of conduct of the early colonists.
- 34 **Halsey, Francis Whiting Ed.** American authors and their homes. Illus.
Personal descriptions and interviews with twenty-two authors; all Americans, and nearly all living.
- 35 **Hillis, Newell Dwight.** Great books as life teachers.
Essays on seven notable pieces of literature, of which five are in this library. See list below.
- 36 **Hurl, Estelle M.** Michelangelo. Illus.
A collection of fifteen pictures and a portrait of the master; with an introduction, and interpretation of the pictures.
- 37 **Jordan, Whitman Howard.** The feeding of animals.
An effort to present the main facts and principles fundamental to the art of feeding animals, as they are now understood.

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TRAVELING LIBRARY, NO. XI.

FICTION.

- 1 **Bachelor, Irving.** D'ri and I. Illus.
The war of 1812 and northern New York and Canada supply time and place for the story. The most important events are history.
- 2 **Black, William.** Princess of Thule.
The island of Lewis and London furnish the setting of this pretty tale.
- 3 **Brontë Charlotte.** Jane Eyre.
Miss Brontë is distinguished for extraordinary power in the delineation of character. Jane Eyre is the story which gave her her high reputation.
- 4 **Burnett, Frances Hodgson.** Making of a marchioness. Illus.
"A story of irresistible sweetness and purity." Emily, the heroine, is a quiet English girl, a thoroughly lovable creature.
- 5 **Cable, George W.** The cavalier. Illus. by H. C. Christy.
A story of our civil war from a soldier's point of view. The hero is chief of Perry's confederate scouts, and the heroine a confederate newspaper correspondent.
- 6 **Catherwood, Mary Hartwell.** Lazarre. Illus.
The story of the romantic career in America of Lazarre Williams, the reputed son of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.
- 7 **Connor, Ralph pseud.** Man from Glengarry.
Depicts the manner of life and type of character to be found in the forests of Canada a generation ago.
- 8 **Dickens, Charles.** David Copperfield.
Probably the most popular of all Dickens' novels. It is said to follow in some particulars the early life of the author.

- 9 **Ebers, George.** Uarda.
A picture of life in ancient Thebes portrayed by a famous Egyptologist.
- 10 **Elliot, George pseud.** Silas Marner.
This volume contains Silas Marner on the weaver of Raveloe; scenes from a clerical life; Mr. Gilfil's love story; Janet's repentance; the lifted veil; and brother Jacob.
- 11 **Harte, Francis Bret.** Luck of Roaring Camp.
Short stories of life in western mining camps.
- 12 **Hegan, Alice Caldwell.** Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.
"A jolly book, full of the milk of human kindness."
- 13 **Jewett, Sarah Orne.** Strangers and wayfarers.
Contains a winter courtship and ten other short stories.
- 14 **Kipling, Rudyard.** Kim. Illus.
A panorama of Indian life. Kim, a child, old in the sins of the world, in company with an aged lama of Thibet, a child in worldliness and evil, goes in search of the "River of the Arrow" which washes away all sin.
- 15 **Thackeray, William Makepeace.** Vanity Fair. Illus. by the author.
A "novel without a hero." It has however two heroines, Rebecca Sharp, the impersonation of intellect without heart; and Amelia Sedley who has heart without intellect.
- 16 **Weyman, Stanley J.** Red cockade. Illus.
An exciting story of the French revolution.
- 17 **Yonge, Mrs. Charlotte.** Chaplet of pearls.
Story with historic background. Time, sixteenth century; place, France.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 18 **Alcott, Louisa M.** Little Men: life at Plumfield with Jo's boys.
- 19 **Baker, R. S.** Boy's book of inventions. Illus.
Describes submarine boats, wireless telegraphy, liquid air, tailless kites, phonographs and other modern wonders.
- 20 **Coffin, Charles Carleton.** Marching to victory. Illus.
Describes events of 1863 in our civil war. This period was distinguished by a series of victories to the armies of the union.
- 21 **Dole, Charles.** The young citizen.
Simple talks intended to interest boys and girls in the things that concern the town and the nation.
- 22 **Ewing, Juliana Horatia.** Madame Liberality. Illus.
A story about a little girl who was so unselfish as to earn the name which gives the title to the book.
- 23 **Farmer, Mrs. Lydia Hoyt.** Girls' book of famous queens. Illus.
Sketches the lives of sixteen queens from Semiramis and Dido to Eugenie and Victoria.
- 24 **Ingelow, Jean.** Mopsa, the fairy. Illus.
The albatross, Jenny, carries Jack to fairyland where he has numerous pleasant adventures.
- 25 **Lang, Andrew ed.** Nursery rhyme book. Illus
Topically arranged with some hints as to their origin.
- 26 **Mabie, H. W. ed.** Norse stories retold from the Eddas.
- 27 **Otis, James.** With Porter in the Essex. Illus.
A graphic account of the famous voyage around Cape Horn during the war of 1812.
- 28 **Patteson, S. Louise.** Pussy meow. Illus.
This book seeks to do for the cat what Black Beauty did for the horse.

- 29 Pyle, Howard.** Merry adventures of Robin Hood of great renown in Nottinghamshire.
Beautifully illustrated by the author.
- 30 Richards, Mrs. Laura E.** Queen Hildegarde.
Relates how a selfish girl developed into an unselfish one during one summer in the country.
- 31 Richards, Mrs. Laura E.** Hildegarde's holiday.
Continues the story of Queen Hildegarde.
- 32 Scudder, Horace E. ed.** Children's book. Illus.
Collection of the best and most famous stories and poems in the English language.
- 33 Wade, Mary Hazelton.** Our little Japanese cousin. Illus.
An account of child life in Japan.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 34 Besant, Sir Walter.** Story of King Alfred the great.
Life of the great and wise king whose history every man and woman of the English speaking race ought to learn and every boy and girl to know.
- 35 Curtis, William Eleroy.** True Thomas Jefferson.
Not a formal biography, but a series of sketches graphic and accurate as possible which claim to be without partisanship or prejudice.
- 36 Dawson, W. P.** German life in town and country.
Contains chapters on social divisions, rural life, military service, public education, the home, pleasures and pastimes and kindred themes.
- 37 Dunbar, Paul Lawrence.** Candle lightin' time.
Poems illustrated with photographs by the Hampton Institute camera club.
- 38 Dwight, Henry Otis.** Constantinople and its problems: its peoples, customs, religions and progress. Illus.
By a native of Vermont, resident for many years in this eastern city.
- 39 Earle, Alice Morse.** Old time gardens.
Book of the "sweet of the year," profusely illustrated by beautiful photographs collected by the author.
- 40 Evans, Robley D.** A sailor's log: recollections of forty years of naval life. Illus.
Admiral Evans' naval service includes our civil war, Spanish war and numerous adventures in foreign seas.
- 41 Harrison, Benjamin.** This country of ours.
Explains clearly the machinery of our government in motion, with instructions as to the relations and uses of its various parts.
- 42 Hurl, Estelle M.** Correggio. (Riverside art series).
A collection of fifteen pictures and a supposed portrait of the painter, with an introduction and interpretation.
- 43 Latimer, Mrs. Elizabeth W.** Last years of the nineteenth century.
A resume of events of the past ten years in France, Russia, Turkey, England, Italy, Spain and European possessions in Africa.
- 44 Matthews, J. Brander.** Poems of American patriotism.
A collection of verse, depicting many daring deeds in our country's history chronologically arranged.
- 45 Morley, Margaret W.** Wasps and their ways.
Familiar talks about the social and the solitary wasps.
- 46 Mowbray, J. P.** Journey to nature.
An amusing account of the way in which a Wall St. broker became acquainted with nature and his small son.

- 47 St. Nicholas book of plays and operettas. Illus.
Shadow pantomimes and other simple entertainments in which both children and "grown ups" may figure.
- 48 Snow, William G. Furnace heating.
A treatise convenient for reference for the furnace man, architect or house-owner.
- 49 Thompson-Seton, Ernest. Lives of the hunted. Illus.
Johnny Bear, Tito, the coyote and other animal acquaintance are here described by an intimate friend.
- 50 Wyckoff, Walter A. A day with tramps and other days.
The aftermath of the author's experiences described in *The Workers*.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The legislature of 1900 passed the Traveling Library Bill as found on a previous page. It was largely through the efforts of the Library Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs that the bill was introduced and carried through, and they presented to the State as a nucleus of the work 11 libraries valued at about \$325. The money to purchase these libraries had been given by various clubs of women in different sections of the State.

To these libraries 13 more have been added, purchased with money appropriated by the State; so that now the Commission have in circulation 24 libraries varying in size from 30 to 50 volumes each, sample catalogues of which may be seen above. In addition to these, three groups of books have been purchased for use in study of special subjects,—viz., Child Study, the City of New York, and the City of Washington.

Thirty towns have had Traveling Libraries; 24 are now library stations (see list on page 48).

In Hinesburgh and Barnet the Traveling Library has given place to a permanent library; Clarendon, East Clarendon, Moretown and Eden have dropped from the list; 17 libraries are in towns where there is no other library; five are helping out small libraries; five are in towns having libraries which are not free.

The number of readers varies from 95 in one station to 11 in another. As in larger libraries fiction leads in circulation, although we have had some cases where the miscellaneous class led. In one small town Van Dyke's *Fisherman's Luck* was the favorite book which speaks well for that locality.

The libraries are variously located. Where there is already a free library in the village, the Traveling Library is naturally kept

in the same place. In other cases some are in private houses conveniently located; some are in the post office; one is in a drug store; two in reading rooms maintained by benevolent organizations; while several places find the church the best distributing center.

Some towns hesitate about asking for a Traveling Library lest they be considered objects of charity. This is a mistaken notion. The books belong to the State of Vermont, and are for the free use of its citizens. No one is placed under any obligation in receiving them. They are one feature of the educational advantages which the State provides and are as free to its citizens as are its public schools.

It is hoped that small libraries which need more books than they can afford to buy will avail themselves of this means of increasing their library facilities, and that towns which now have no libraries will arrange to become library stations.

One of the best methods of procedure for these towns is for one or two interested people to form an association of men and women, endeavoring to include as many as possible of citizens of influence. Let them elect their secretary, and have it understood that they are making an arrangement which will be permanent; that every six months they will have a new case of books; that these books are free and are for young and old.

The only expense to stations is for expressage. The American Express Company makes some reduction for libraries, so that the charges vary from \$.50 for a small box and short distance, to \$1.50 for a larger case and longer distance. Hence the sum of \$6.00 at the most would cover the expense of a Traveling Library for a year, and in many cases it falls below \$3.00. For from \$3.00 to \$6.00, a whole community can have the reading of from 60 to 100 books each year.

In conclusion we would report that the Traveling Library Bill seems to satisfy a real need; that the work has met our expectations, and has grown as rapidly as it could be cared for with the facilities which the Commission has at its disposal. We feel that it is a very important part of our educational forces. We know of no way in which the amount of money expended could be made to yield larger returns to the State.

MRS. WALTER P. SMITH,
Superintendent of Traveling Library Department.

GROWTH OF LIBRARY WORK.

Since the publication of the last report the following ten towns have established free public libraries in accordance with the law and have received the aid from the state: Addison, Barnet, Bristol, Fairfield, Greensboro, Hinesburgh, New Haven, Pittsfield, Salisbury, Warren. At least four other towns took the necessary steps at the town meeting, but the trustees elected, for reasons best known to themselves, failed to do their duty, and thus thwarted the will of the people. This is a matter of yearly occurrence and makes plain the importance of selecting for trustees persons who are thoroughly interested in the establishment of a free library.

From many of the towns without a library comes the probably well-grounded complaint of a lack of interest, but this need not discourage the faithful. Remarkable results have crowned the efforts of a few determined workers in the library field in the last few years. One library that two years ago was practically homeless now occupies a commodious and well equipped building, the result largely of the efforts of one woman in soliciting subscriptions. Many communities could be made to see their need and the great utility of good reading, if only the zeal of the few interested ones were stimulated by more hope and courage.

CARE AND GROWTH OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

It is evident that the free libraries of the state, as a whole, are more widely appreciated and used than ever before and consequently are far better housed and cared for. Some that had for a time been neglected are now in a most flourishing condition. Both reports and personal inspection show this to be true. In this connection it is but just to speak of the gratuitous and self-sacrificing labor of many of the librarians and trustees and unofficial friends who are giving freely of their time and strength for the promotion of library interests in their respective communities. The work may sometimes be discouraging but it is a noble work and has already been productive of most beneficial results.

So far as reports can be obtained they show that the circulation of books has very materially increased during the last two years. Notably is this true in the departments of Biography, Travel and Children's Books. Some of the libraries have under special arrangement extended their work in the schools with gratifying results.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

The last two years have been distinguished by some notable gifts to towns of library buildings, endowments and books; and already other towns have good reasons to expect soon from their prosperous sons and daughters some such practical and refining evidence of their loyalty and devotion. In this direction the field is ample and the possibilities of doing good are boundless.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

At the close of her term, Nov. 30, 1900, Miss Bartlett declined a reappointment and Mrs. Walter P. Smith was commissioned by the Governor as her successor. In February, 1901, Miss Titcomb resigned to accept the position of librarian of the Washington County Free Library at Hagerstown, Md., and was succeeded in the Board by Miss Charlotte C. Gibson, librarian of the Fletcher Memorial Library of Ludlow, who served as member and secretary until August, 1901, when she resigned. November 30, 1901, the Governor appointed to this position Mrs. M. H. Buckham of Burlington.

DETAILS OF NEW LIBRARIES.

Addison.—*Addison Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1902. Trustees elected: Mrs. P. B. Norton, one year; Miss Rose Wilmarth, two years; Mrs. Ezra Smith, three years; Mrs. Fred Smith, four years; Mrs. Charles Reed, five years. Appropriation of \$25 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made April 9, 1902.

Barnet.—*Barnet Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1900. Trustees elected: W. H. Burbank, one year; G. F. Winch, two years; J. G. Roy, three years; F. W. Mason, four years; Charles I. Smith, five years. Application for appropriation of \$100 by state made on February 18, 1901.

Bristol.—*Bristol Free Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: George E. Bartlett, five years; W. A. Lawrence, four years; E. B. Patterson, three years; H. P. Sherwin, two years; E. W. Varney, one year. Appropriation of \$50 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made January 4, 1902.

Fairfield.—*Fairfield Free Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: W. H. Fairchild, one year; Fred S. Tupper, two years; George H. Soule, three years. Appropriation of \$25 voted for maintenance of library. At special meeting called on May 25, 1901, following trustees were elected: Helen McEnerey, four years; Albertine G. Soule, five years. Application for appropriation of \$100 made April 5, 1901.

Hinesburgh.—*Hinesburgh Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1902. Trustees elected: Henry M. Page, five years; Charles J. Russell, four years; M. R. Turner, three years; Anna Patrick, two years; Mildred Partch, one year. Appropriation of \$100 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made March 22, 1902.

New Haven.—*New Haven Town Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: E. G. Hunt, one year; F. T. Nash, two years; Warren Peck, three years; B. M. Weld, four years; M. J. Landon, five years. Appropriation of \$25 made for maintenance of library. Application for \$100 appropriation made March 18, 1901.

Salisbury.—*Salisbury Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: Samuel H. Kelly, one year; Harry Kinsman, two years; F. C. Dyer, three years; Mrs. F. L. Hamilton, four years; Mrs. F. C. Brigham, five years. Appropriation of \$100 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made July 13, 1901.

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

Burlington.—*Library of the University of Vermont.*—The last report of this library, May 31, 1902, gives a total of 64,212 volumes on the shelves, and 31,393 estimated pamphlets.

Among the noteworthy gifts of the past two years is a fund raised by subscriptions from friends of the Department of Chemistry. Sets of chemical periodicals amounting to over 475 volumes and costing over \$1,300, have already been bought with this money, and it is understood that more is to follow. Henry Holt, L.L.D., has continued his former munificence by supplying the library with the publications of his firm as issued, 129 volumes in all. Judge R. C. Hawkins has added 21 volumes to the collection on the Civil War given by him. Professor Barbour's engineering library, amounting to 175 bound volumes and 133 pamphlets, has been given to the university, together with a memorial bookplate to indicate their former owner.

Through Hon. H. W. Hill the library has received 21 volumes of valuable New York state publications. President Buckham has contributed 50 volumes, and Hon. G. G. Benedict 16. From Miss L. P. A. Goodhue were received 15 volumes from the library of her late father. The Fireside Book Club presented 26 volumes of the best of recent publications.

A valuable file of the reports of the Vermont Y. M. C. A., including every one printed, was the gift of Capt. Geo. E. Davis. A set of the reports on Canadian archives, in which are printed the Haldimand papers and many other early documents connected with Vermont history, was received from Douglas Brymer, L.L.D., archivist. Professor Goodrich gave a number of volumes of the Homiletic Review, and has collected, as is his wont, many Vermont publications to add to the ever increasing store of Vermontiana. From the Duke de Loubat came three of the facsimile reproductions, with comment, of Mexican picture writings which he has been publishing at his own expense.

Dr. Kennedy presented a beautiful copy of Bruch's *Bryologia Europæa* in seven quarto volumes, also P. Baldassare Lombardi's edition of Dante in four volumes, and a seven volume edition of the Italian dictionary of the Accademia della Crusca printed at Verona in 1804-6. The first volume of a sumptuous quarto history of the University of Geneva was the gift of that institution.

The Botanical Department of the university bought a complete set of the *Botanisches Centralblatt* and placed it in the library. And on the shelves of the Botanical laboratory may be found all the issues of the *Centralblatt für Bakteriologie*, the gift of Mrs. Laura Billings Lee.

An autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln, and a draft of a memorial to the Vermont legislature, signed Candidus and Impartiality, asking for the incorporation of the university, are among the manuscript acquisitions.

Additions to the collection of prints and other works of art, which I am unable to report are included in the report for the preceding two years.

The hours of opening the library are from 8.30 to 6, including holidays, and from 2 to 4 on Sunday in term time, and from 9 to 12 and 2 to 4 daily except Sunday in vacation. In the building up and management of the library the first consideration is always the needs of the departments of instruction of the university, and it is adapted for study and research rather than for the general reader. But all those who desire to use it for these purposes are welcome and the resources of the collection are freely at their service and every facility offered in so far as it does not interfere with the use by the faculty and the students.

Brandon.—Sometime ago an effort was made here to establish a town free library and so get state aid but it did not succeed. About two years ago a few people who were especially interested in having a free library, formed themselves into an association and the town was canvassed for subscribers, or members in the association, the fee being one dollar. One generous townsman volunteered to give fifty cents for every one dollar paid in by others. In this way between two and three hundred dollars was raised.

A former resident sent a gift of 210 books, other people gave any where from one to fifteen or twenty each, and there were purchased about two hundred dollars worth so that when we opened to the public by holding a reception New Years day 1901 we had about 625 books.

The Ladies Book Club, who own the upper floor in a building, gave us the use of a fair sized hall, provided we put it in shape for our use and share with them the expense of keeping in repair that upper floor.

One end of our room is devoted to a reading room, having two tables supplied with magazines and papers. We hope sometime to have a building of our own and be on the first floor. We have raised money in various ways, and have had some gifts, the largest being \$300. Very recently we have had one gift of \$50 from a former resident. Also many books have been given us and we now own over 1600.

The Ladies Book Club have loaned 100 books, an individual has loaned another 100 which are mostly reference books; so we have accessible for use over 1800.

We are now planning for the annual meeting which comes the first Tuesday in October. I do not know whether we shall canvass the town for re-

newal of membership in the association as heretofore or what course will be taken.

A lady from the Albany Library school assisted us in classifying and shelf listing the books. We had previously used the accession number and had only a general imperfect classification.

Corinth.—Blake Memorial Library at East Corinth, Vt., erected by Nathan D. Blake, Charles M. Blake and Almira T. Blake Fenno.

The growth of this fine institution in the village of East Corinth has been due largely to a labor of love. The village is the central business point of the Waits River Valley and is trade center for part of Corinth, Topsham, Newbury and Bradford. The location being in the corner of the township, no such thing as town and state aid was obtainable and yet, the number to be benefited by such an institution was very large.

In October 1894, a meeting was called to discuss the matter which was attended by seven people. Undaunted they organized the East Corinth Public Library Association and voted to adopt by-laws during the week and did so, the only credential to becoming a member being the payment of fifty cents per year which entitled the person so doing to draw one book per week.

The village school at once gave an entertainment and with the proceeds of this, membership fees, donated volumes, etc., the library opened its work the first Saturday evening of November 1894.

The "Skim Milk Club," a social organization, for several years assisted by giving from \$25 to \$75 per year. The school worked likewise; and the kind friends who have given the present building began to give. The first gift of subscriptions to several magazines helped very much indeed.

The librarian's services were given by various interested ones. At the end of three years, 500 volumes were on the shelves. Then came a period of depression, other objects were being worked for in the entertainment field. The membership dropped from thirty or fifty to six. The faithful ones fearing dissolution secured incorporation; and again, by begging and hard work, the future of the library was made secure. A business man of the town gave the use of a room for five years.

The famous old residence built by John Chapman and at the time of its destruction used as a hotel, was burned in 1899 and in the fall of 1900, the lot and all thereon was bought by Nathan D. Blake of Melrose, Mass., C. M. Blake, and Mrs. Almira T. B. Fenno of Roxbury, Mass., and deeded to the East Corinth Public Library Association. In the spring of 1902 work was begun clearing away the debris of the old building; and at an expense of \$500 the lot was made ready for the new structure.

During the fall and winter of 1901 and 1902, the contractor, Mr. J. D. Littlehole of Fitchburg, Mass., under the direction of the architect, Mr. H. M. Francis of the same city, was busy constructing the building. The cellar and foundations were of the best brick, walls being laid under each partition. The building is of red sandstone from Longmeadow, Mass., gray Staten Island brick, and Groton granite. The roof of red slate with copper jet and trimmings. The architecture is of the Romanesque style; and the exterior is particularly pleasing to the eye, the archway over the entrance being richly carved and the steps and buttresses of the finest granite.

The vestibule has marble floor, wainscoting, and trimmings. The interior is finished in quartered oak with Oregon cedar in the panelled ceiling. The coloring of the walls is in beautiful browns and greens; and most beautiful effects on the ceiling are noticed in the patterns. One enters the delivery room directly from the vestibule. The librarian's counter is directly in front separating the delivery room from the stock room. The furniture of this room is of the colonial style. Fine steel engravings of Ancient Rome are on the walls. To the right is the reading room with its many windows and old fashioned fireplace. This is well supplied with reference books and periodicals and accommodates many at a time. Directly in the rear of this is a very convenient librarian's room. To the right of the delivery room is the art room. This is made beautiful by several pieces of statuary and is cosily furnished. Many beautiful pictures by noted American and foreign artists are on the walls of this room and those of the reading room. Valuable and interesting bric-a-brac is on every hand. The stock room furnished with the latest style of shelving with adjustable copper supports gives space for 10,000 volumes. The building is heated by hot air furnace and lighted with Rochester lamps. There is not a thing lacking to make the work of the institution efficient, thanks to the painstaking care and oversight of the donors.

The old East Corinth Public Library Association merged itself in the Blake Memorial Library Association when the building was completed. This is entirely removed from any municipal connection. A self-perpetuating board of trustees, who must number thirty and cannot be more than fifty, hold the control of the building and endowment. These have been chosen from the oldest resident families and best library workers. A board of seven trustees is chosen annually. Three-fourths of the incorporators and all the trustees must live within three miles of the building. At present Topsham has two trustees, Bradford, one, Corinth, four. The trustees chose Mrs. Susan Butterfield as librarian, and the library is open from 9 to 11.30 a. m., 2 till 4 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m.

The building was dedicated July 1st, and 2nd. The exercises were held in the Union Church and marked an epoch in the town. On the evening of July 1st, a concert by Burlington talent was given with a very large audience present. In the morning of the 2d, a reunion of old residents with speeches from many, was held. In the afternoon at two o'clock, the dedication address by Rev. Effie K. M. Jones of Barre was listened to by an immense audience who were all greatly pleased. The subject was "The Safeguards of Free Institutions." In the evening an informal reception was held in the Library Building. The building and its work are indeed a living memorial to the parents of the donors, Nathan D. Blake and Susan Torrey Blake his wife, who were among the early townspeople.

W. R. ROWLAND, *Sec'y.*

East Corinth, Sept. 9, 1902.

Greensboro.—Greensboro Free Library was established in 1900.

The new library building was a gift from Hon. H. S. Tolman of Greensboro.

The town voted \$100 that year and \$100 worth of books was received from the state. In the year 1902 the town appropriated \$125.

Contributions in money, books, furniture, etc., have been received from different individuals.

Entertainments in the way of lectures, concerts, suppers, etc., have been given, the proceeds of which have been used for the library.

Additions of new books are being made from time to time.

The library now numbers 900 volumes and is in every way a success.

Guildhall.—The presentation and dedication of the Library Building, occurred Wednesday, July 10, 1901, the ceremonies commencing at 1 p. m. There was a large attendance despite the showers, great interest was shown, and the exercises throughout were very impressive. Col. Benton having read the deed of conveyance, Rev. H. O. Worthley fittingly responded on behalf of the citizens. At the conclusion of his remarks he offered a dedicatory prayer, following which adjournment was taken for dinner at the Grange hall.

At 3 o'clock came the exercises in the Congregational Church, opened by scripture reading by Rev. Mr. Worthley, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Flint. Music was furnished by a double quartette and chorus, and solos were rendered by Miss A. C. Damon of Boston, and Miss Florence M. Wilson, formerly of Guildhall; Miss Katherine C. Follansby, formerly of Guildhall, musical instructor in the Christian College, Kentucky, played an organ selection and with great skill directed the music. All was given in fine style and much enjoyed. Col. Benton again presided and said many excellent things. The speakers were Gov. Jordan of New Hampshire, Hon. Walter E. Ranger, State Superintendent of Education, Hon. Robert Chase, Hon. Horace W. Bailey of Newbury, P. R. Follansby and Frank N. Piper.

Before the close of the exercises in the church the following resolutions expressing acknowledgment and appreciation of Col. Benton's gift, presented by the trustees, were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted:

Whereas, In view of the munificent gift of Col. Everett C. Benton of a Public Library and Masonic building, the trustees of the same submit to the citizens of Guildhall, Maidstone and Northumberland the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the people of Guildhall, Maidstone and Northumberland, desire to acknowledge and to place on record our deep obligation to Col. Benton for his kindness and munificence. That we wish to express our appreciation of the beautiful building he has erected, which is an ornament to our town and will become the source of a great blessing to the community.

Resolved, That we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to him for this most substantial proof of his love for his native town and his active interest in its welfare. That we have enjoyed and appreciated the splendid programme he has provided.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our love and esteem for one who (at the personal sacrifice of time and money) has done so much for the best welfare of this community, also for the members of his family, whose kindly co-operation has made his good works possible.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be preserved among the records of the library, and a copy sent to the Essex County Herald for publication.

The trustees are Robert Chase and P. R. Follansby for Guildhall, S. S. Benton for Maidstone, F. N. Piper for Northumberland, Hon. Geo. N. Dale for the remaining towns in the county, and E. C. Benton perpetual trustee, at his death his eldest heir to succeed him, and so on forever to remain in



GUILDHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY.
GIVEN AND FURNISHED BY HON. E. C. BENTON.

his family. In case of vacancy among the others it is filled by the remaining trustees.

Col. E. C. Benton built and furnished the building to be used as a free public library, (subject to the use of the second floor as a Masonic Hall), and formally presented the same by deed of trust to seven trustees, to be held by them and their successors "as a Free Public Library for the use of the inhabitants of the towns of Guildhall and Maidstone, and those of Northumberland, N. H., residing within two miles of said building," subject only to the condition that the same shall be used and maintained in a proper manner.

At the annual town meetings, March, 1902, Guildhall appropriated \$50, Maidstone \$25 and Northumberland \$10, for the support of the library; whatever more that may be needed will be furnished by voluntary contribution.

The amount of the gift of Col. Benton is not known; the lot, the building completed to the minutest detail, everything necessary in the way of furniture, fixtures and appointments, together with some five hundred volumes of books were included in the gift.

The librarian is Mrs. Charles F. Webb of Northumberland, N. H.

—[*From Essex County Herald.*]

Ludlow.—The Fletcher Memorial Library is the outgrowth of a natural impulse of a successful son to perpetuate the memory of a beloved father. Such an impulse came to Allen M. Fletcher. The first consideration was the nature of the memorial. A decision was not difficult. Apparently nothing could more appropriately commemorate the life of a generous and courteous gentleman than a free library. Certainly nothing could be more useful, and there is no place in the philosophy of the Fletcher family for the useless. Ludlow, the birthplace of Stoughton A. Fletcher, was the natural location.

By this time the impulse had become a purpose. An architect, S. F. Page of Fehmer & Page, Boston, was instructed to make plans for a building and came to Ludlow to confer with Mr. Fletcher as to a suitable site. Attempts were made to purchase the property of Miss Hannah Washburn at the corner of Main street and Elm street, now occupied by Miss Washburn's residence and the new Universalist church. The property could not at that time be bought. Other sites were then considered, and the strong recommendation of the architect was that a lot facing the village park should be selected. The north side of the park was objectionable on account of the hill abruptly rising a little way from the street. On the south side the most available and suitable lot was selected between the residence of W. W. Stickney and the old Universalist church. This property was at once purchased and the house and barn standing thereon were removed. The original lot was a large one, but has since been added to by the purchase of the land of the Universalist church which has been torn down.

Not until the lot had been purchased did Mr. Fletcher make his purpose public. In the (Ludlow) Vermont Tribune of July 7, 1899, the announcement was made that Mr. Fletcher would build a library in Ludlow in memory of his father and grandfather. No details were given. In September of the same year the building contract was let to J. H. Rogers of

Middlebury, Vermont, and the ground was staked out and work begun on September 14.

The construction was necessarily slow. A library cannot be built in a day; perplexing questions and annoying hindrances succeeded one another. But the builders, as "in the elder days of art, wrought the greatest care," making necessary changes and possible improvements, aiming at the characteristic and consistent beauty which the finished product undeniably presents.

In the summer of 1900 it was expected that the Library would be ready for use by the following October. In July over six thousand books were purchased under the supervision of Miss Mary Lemist Titcomb of Rutland and the G. P. Putnam's Sons publishing house, New York. The first installment arrived at Ludlow the last of July and rooms in a tenement house near the Library were secured for the purpose of marking, classifying and cataloguing the books. Miss Titcomb, who was Secretary of the State Board of Library Commissioners, took charge of this work, and came to Ludlow about the first of August. The last of August Miss Charlotte C. Gibson of Rutland came to Ludlow to assist in the work, which required the rest of the fall and winter. Meanwhile the completion of the building was further delayed by the fact that the marble used in the delivery room was not satisfactory and had to be replaced. In January, 1901, Miss Titcomb was made librarian of the new Hagerstown (Md.) Public Library and left Ludlow February 1. Miss Gibson remained, completed the cataloguing, prepared a classified list for pamphlet publication, and was expected to act as librarian. In August she resigned.

By October, 1901, the building was ready to receive the books. The work of unpacking so many volumes and placing them on the shelves in an arrangement best calculated to make them accessible to the librarian and to the public, and the responsibility for attending to the vast amount of detail necessary before the Library could be considered in working order, can scarcely be appreciated by one who has no technical knowledge or practical experience of the science of bringing together books and readers—"libraryology." This work was done by Miss Anna R. Phelps, of Syracuse, N. Y., who was in Ludlow from October 5 until after the Library was opened, and who was assisted by Miss Mary E. Mastin, of St. Johnsbury, the librarian.

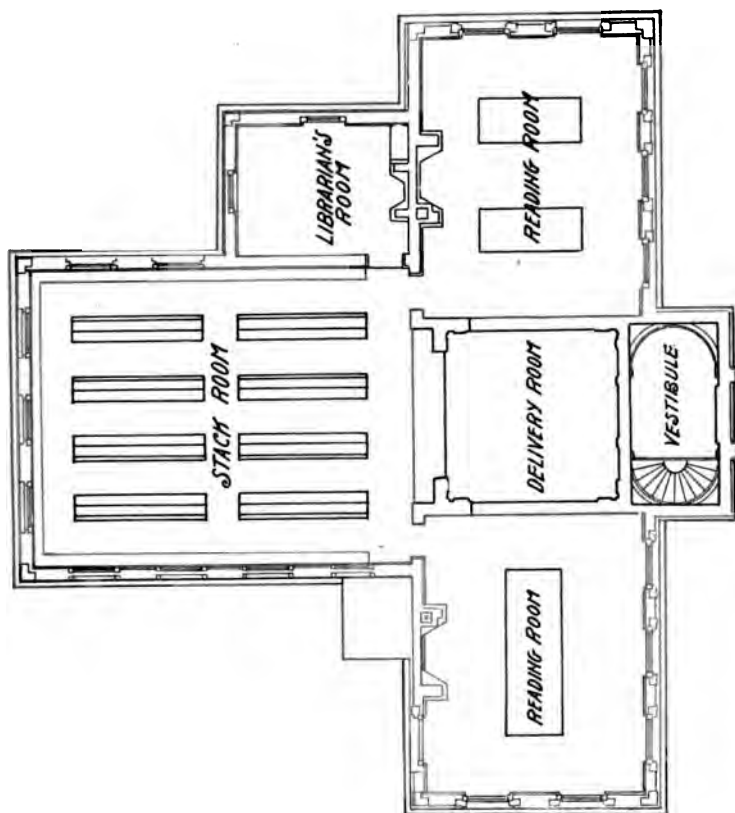
The library was dedicated and opened to the public on All Saints' day, November 1, 1901. On April 1, 1902, five months later, there were over 700 names registered as takers of books, the population of the surrounding territory throughout which the Library is available, being about 2500. The circulation from the start has been over 500 books a week.

Progressive work has been attempted along several lines. Informal talks are given by the librarian to the students of the academy and district teachers on the use of the library and reference books. Small traveling libraries are sent to the district schools for use of the scholars under the direction of the teacher.

The admittance of the public to the book room is proving a perfect success. No books have been lost and the disarrangement on the shelves is slight.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, LUDLOW.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY—FLOOR PLAN.

The citizens of Ludlow are not unmindful of the advantages deriving from Mr. Fletcher's splendid gift nor unappreciative of the generosity of the donor. At the annual town meeting in March, 1902, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen M. Fletcher has presented to the trustees of the Fletcher Memorial Library and through them to the citizens of Ludlow and adjoining towns as a memorial to his father, the late Stoughton A. Fletcher, the land, building and books known as the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the voters of Ludlow in annual town meeting assembled, that in token of appreciation of this gift a vote of thanks is hereby extended to Mr. Allen M. Fletcher from the Town of Ludlow; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the selectmen of the Town of Ludlow be authorized and directed to draw orders on the town treasurer payable to the water commissioners and electric light commissioners of the Village of Ludlow to defray the expense of the water supply and electric lights at the Fletcher Memorial Library from November 1, 1901, and additional orders to pay all bills for fuel from this date, until the next annual town meeting and thereafter unless otherwise voted.

LUDLOW, Vermont, March 4, 1902.

The Fletcher Memorial Library of Ludlow, Vermont, stands on a beautiful site on Main street facing a small public park; on the south and west of the building are extensive grounds which in time will be beautified with shrubs and flowers. The building is a low, one-story structure, the style being that of the later English Renaissance. The front is a free adaptation of the Winchester School at Winchester, England. The entrance is in the center of the building, the wings on either side forming the reading rooms. The walls are of red brick with heavy Bedford limestone trimmings; the base of Medford granite; the roof of green slate with copper ridges. Over the entrance, supported by rusticated Doric pilasters, is a broken pediment carved with the Fletcher coat-of-arms. Above this is the name and date of erection. Over the windows on the front are elaborate festoons emblematic of "Plenty," carved in the limestone.

The interior of the vestibule is a square with semi-circular ends. On the left a marble staircase with wrought iron railings leads to the basement. The entire walls of the vestibule are of marble with Ionic pilasters; the ceilings and floor of marble mosaic—green, white and red. On the left wall is inserted a bronze tablet bearing the inscription: "In Loving Memory of Stoughton A. Fletcher this Building is Erected by his Son, Allen M. Fletcher."

The delivery room is square. The walls are of white Italian marble with Doric pilasters. The vaulted, stucco ceiling is beautifully brought out in blue and brown water color. The floor is colored marble mosaic of an elaborate design. The delivery desk is formed by one slab of Vermont marble, ten feet long and three feet wide.

The reading rooms on either side of the delivery room are finished in antique oak, paneled and pilastered to a height of ten feet. The walls above are dark green. The ceilings are arched and paneled, the beams being brought out in color. Elaborate mantels over large fire-places, in each reading room, are made of Caen stone, a peculiar composition quarried only in Caen, a town near Paris, France. The mantel in the east room is carved with the Fletcher coat-of-arms; the one in the west room with the

seal of the State of Vermont. Both rooms are furnished with heavy oak tables and chairs.

The book room is directly back of the delivery room. The finish and book cases are light oak; the walls are light buff and white. There are seven thousand books now on the shelves, and the room has a capacity for eighteen thousand. The librarian's room is in the angle formed by the west reading room and the book room. It is finished in dark oak, with rose colored walls.

The number and size of the windows is such that the entire building is perfectly lighted by day; and by night the artificial light of electricity is scarcely less satisfactory.

The combination of the plain but substantial exterior, together with the richness and grandeur of the interior, makes a building of rare beauty and one unique among libraries.

Mr. W. R. Eastman, Inspector of the Public Library Department of the University of the State of New York, with headquarters at the State Capitol at Albany, has spoken with commendation of the plan of the Fletcher Memorial Library in his public addresses, and has furnished the following statement of his criticism for this book:

"In showing and comparing various library floor plans I have contrasted that of the Fletcher Memorial Library with another of similar form which cuts off the book room from any possible communication directly with the reading rooms, while the book room at Ludlow overlaps both reading rooms and has a door opening into each of them. One library emphasizes the idea of security of books and the other that of their usefulness, and in this respect yours is much to be commended. The compact grouping of the rooms, bringing them under ready supervision from the desk, is admirable. The ample height and space for adding books is an excellent feature."

Norwich.—Norwich Library is a dedicated reality. On the afternoon of February 26, 1902, a goodly company gathered in the Congregational Church to listen to interesting and instructive dedicatory exercises. Two from Dartmouth College, Prof. C. F. Richardson and Prof. Justin H. Smith, talked about The Influence of Books on a Community, and Small Libraries. The first mentioned, with many other helpful suggestions, gave one he wished remembered, if the rest were forgotten. He advised all to read, on an average, one book each fortnight.

Prof. Smith, a former resident of the town, before telling of some small libraries of great men, gave an account of the "Prehistoric Age" of the Norwich Library—a movement among some of the boys which secured books that were later turned over to this association.

It may here be stated that the Young Men's Christian Association and a woman's club also had books which were handed down.

Mr. H. V. Partridge was the Historian of the Library, and Mr. H. B. Olds urged Town Loyalty upon the residents. E. F. Phelps of Lebanon, the contractor, formally presented the keys, which were received by Rev. N. R. Nichols, one of the trustees, who also gave the financial statement rendered by Miss S. J. Burton, and made a prayer. The church choir finished two anthems for the occasion.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY—READING ROOM.

As they left the church quite a large proportion of the audience accepted the invitation to inspect the building, and wended their way through the quiet village, up the main street, on the east side of which stands the little one-story structure. More than one pronounced it "a gem."

Of simple yet classic design, built of brick on a granite foundation, with trimmings of white, it bears over the pillared portico, in letters of gold, the inscription: "A. D. 1901—NORWICH LIBRARY." The door, partly of stained glass, as well as the half-circular colored window over it, was the gift of Mr. Nichols in memory of his wife, who died within the year. A lighted lamp of ancient design is represented on the window, which has also an appropriate memorial inscription. The upper parts of the windows on each side of the door were also special gifts, one bearing as illustration an open book, the other an anchor entwined with a dolphin and the word ALDUS, the distinguishing mark of the Aldine books.

The main room of the library is light and pleasant, with shelves on the walls to accommodate the more than twenty-three hundred books, while a small room at the left of the entrance, with shelves for periodicals, will serve as a reading room and a still smaller one as a business office, from which stairs lead to the furnace cellar.

The ladies have made heroic and successful efforts to secure furnishings, and the tasteful rugs and draperies, the pictures and busts, together with the comfortably cushioned window-seats, the sofa, settle, chairs and tables, give the impression of a well-appointed private library rather than one devoted to public uses.

Some of the above mentioned articles, as well as others, were given by individuals, while the rest were purchased with money obtained at a fair or by solicitation.

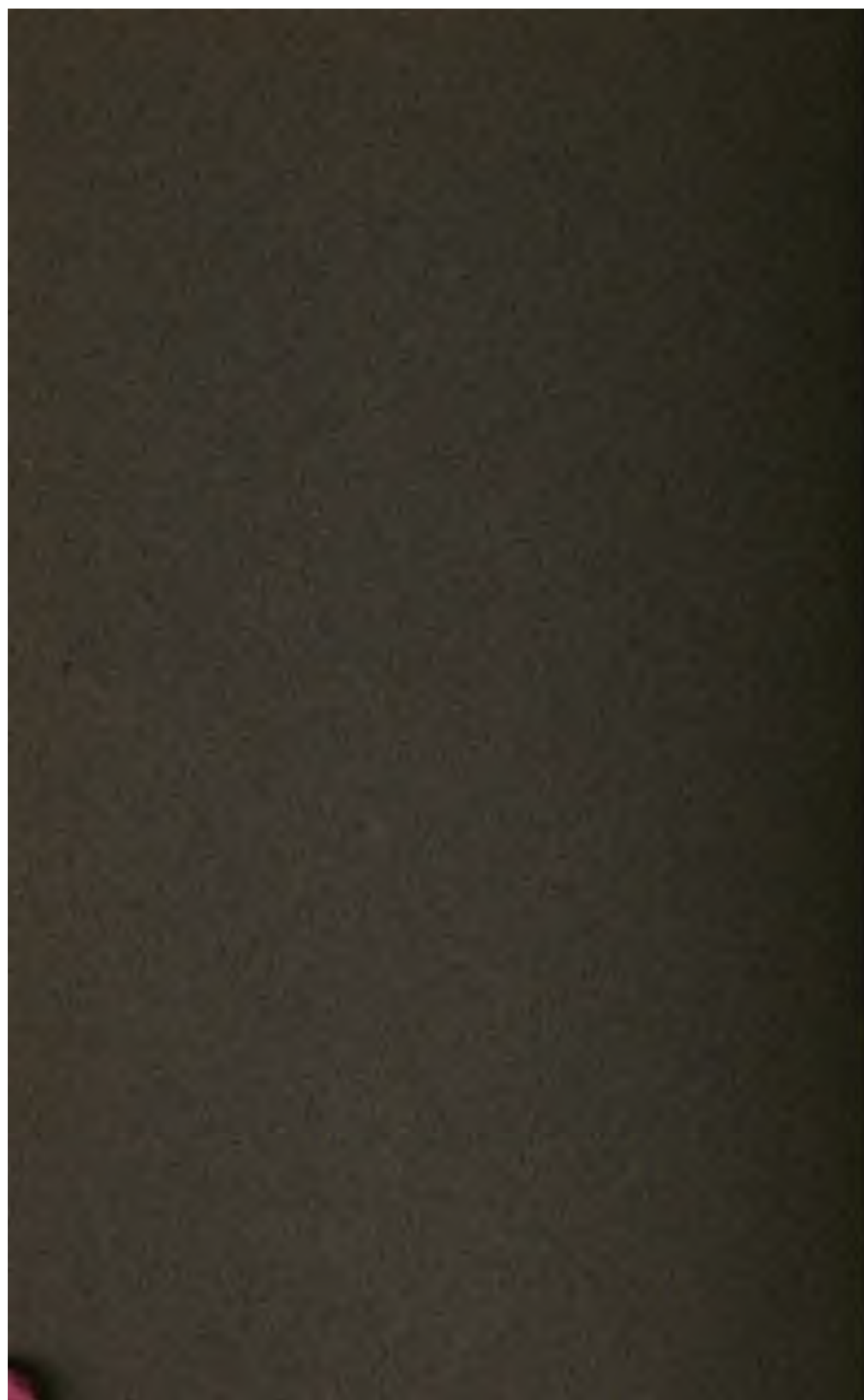
The building, which cost about twenty-five hundred dollars, is free from debt. The money was raised by subscription through the untiring efforts of Miss Burton, and much of it was given by widely-scattered former residents of Norwich. This library is not a free one. As there is no fund to provide for new books and repairs, each member of the association pays an annual fee, and any one else can draw books by paying the same or a fixed price per month. Books bought from time to time are carefully selected.

The rooms are open on Friday afternoons only. Mrs. Ellen Knight, the librarian, gives her services then, and, with others, devotes much time to the interests of the cause.

As yet the library has few furnishings except books, but the ladies are making heroic and successful efforts to secure funds with which to add to the beauty and comfort of the interior, and expect that soon the effect within, as well as without, will be pleasing and satisfactory.

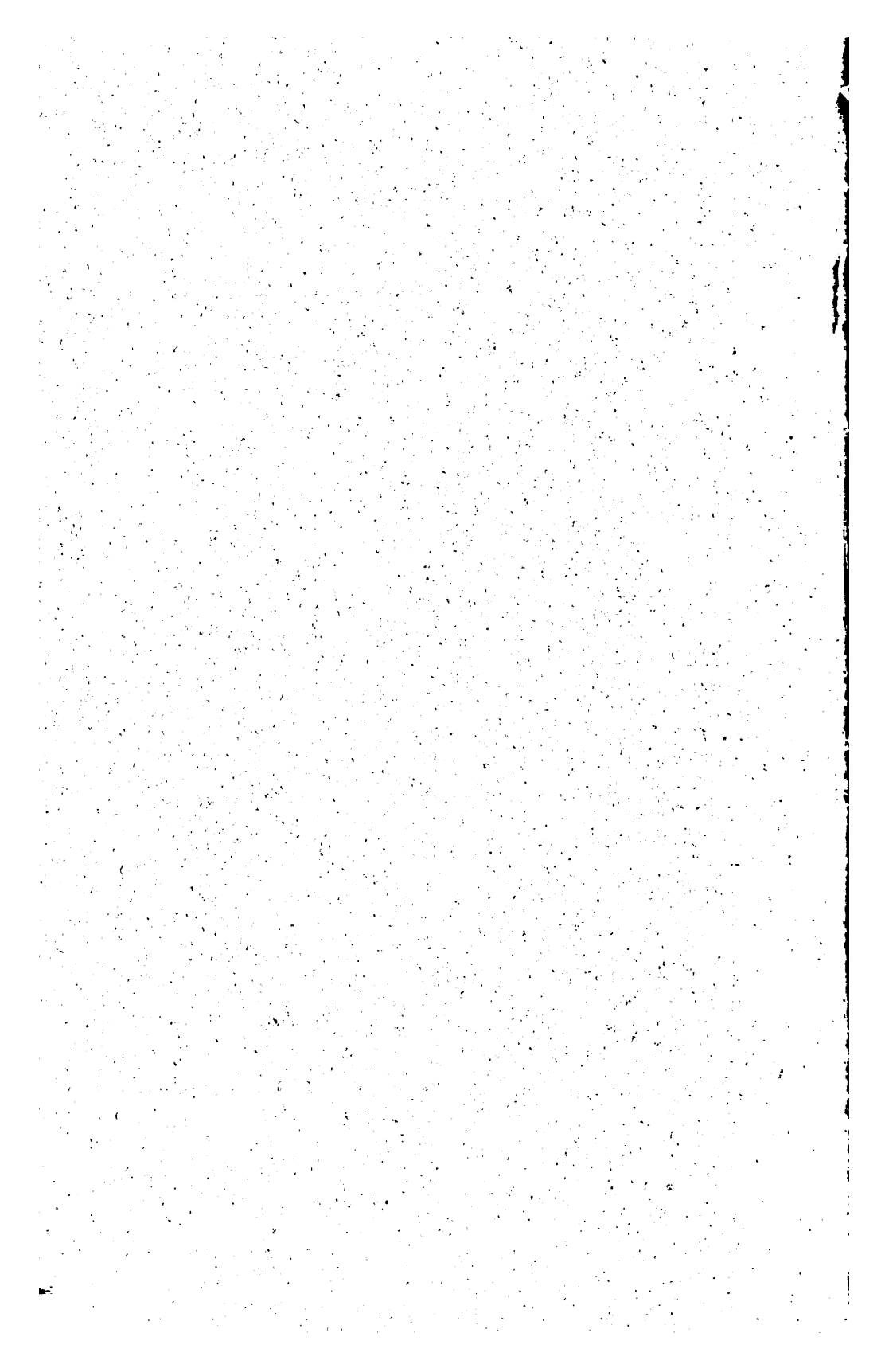
—[*Mary A. Loveland, Norwich, Vt., in Inter-State Journal.*]





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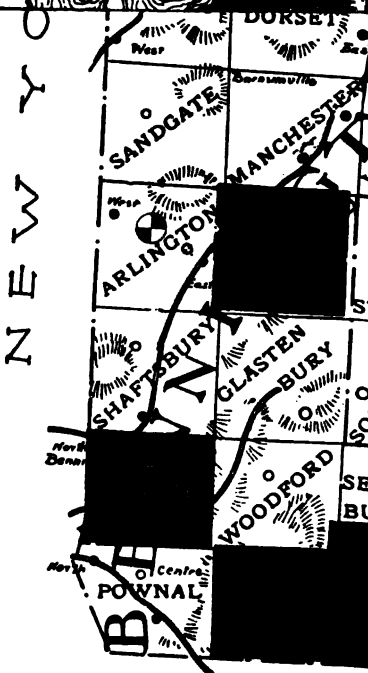
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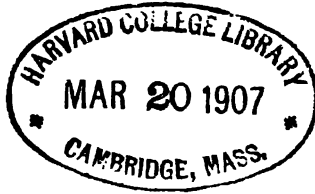
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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its fifth Biennial Report.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE LIBRARIES.

During the ten years of the existence of the Board of Library Commissioners ninety-nine free public libraries have been established with state aid, distributed by years as to the date of their establishment as follows: 1895, 30; 1896, 29; 1897, 5; 1898, 6; 1899, 13; 1900, 2; 1901, 8; 1902, 2; 1903, 3; 1904, 1. Since the last report was issued the three towns of Barnard, Pawlet and Underhill have availed themselves of the privileges of the free library law, and Guildhall by the provisions of a special act of the Legislature of 1902 received the \$100 worth of books purchased with the state appropriation.

The number of towns voting favorably upon the measure to support a free public library has usually and very naturally decreased each succeeding year since the passage of the law. When the law went into effect many of the towns were ready for such a step, the conditions therein were favorable, and, in some, valuable existing libraries easily formed the foundation for free public libraries. Now, while the field is neither so large nor so fruitful in immediate results, there is still ample opportunity for the earnest and untiring efforts of all friends of true progress and enlightenment. Nor need they be discouraged. There are over one hundred towns in Vermont today that need a free public library. Nearly every one of these can secure and support a library when the people fully understand the value of such an institution. The first step toward securing a library is to convince the people that libraries are an essential part of a system of education, and that a public library should be as much a public institution as a public school, and should be maintained by the public for the same reasons. Public sentiment upon this subject can be aroused and educated through the press, from the platform

and by individual appeals. The leaders in any local movement should include in their canvass all citizens, irrespective of business, politics or creed. They should secure, so far as possible, the sympathy and active help of all classes and factions. It is well to get large gifts, if possible, but best not to wait for them. They are more likely to come after a start has been made. As a rule, the libraries which are the result of united effort do better work in their early years than those which are founded and entirely supported by individuals.

The success of any library, be it reference or circulating, may properly be measured by the extent of its use. Judged upon this basis the libraries of the state appear to be, on the whole, eminently successful. The town library and librarian reach out to all classes, but possibly the most marked results are among the poorer people. They can in a measure do for the children from sordid homes what the home library and the cultivated father and mother do for the children from refined homes.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

Generous gifts have been made during the last two years to the libraries of the state. These gifts are in the form of money, books and buildings. It is perhaps fortunate, as it is true, that more and more library benefactors regard it of first importance to provide the libraries with suitable homes in which their work can be carried on more extensively and more effectively. The result is that in quite a number of Vermont villages one of the most attractive buildings is the public library, which often is the expression of the continued interest in and love for the old home of some person of means. May their number rapidly increase.

ROUND TABLES.

Following out the recommendation of the A. L. A. at the Niagara meeting two Library "Round Tables" were held by the Commission in the autumn of 1903, the first in the Athenæum at St. Johnsbury, and later one with the Rutland Free Library.

The purpose of these meetings was to bring together for a day—in an informal way—librarians and those immediately interested in library management, for conference on details of the work, to compare notes, to help and be helped, and experience proved that the meetings served their purpose admirably.

There were two sessions, morning and afternoon, those present were mostly librarians, and the questions discussed were of the most practical nature,—“How to select and purchase books, and how to put them on the shelves,” “How to get them into the hands of the public,” “How to mend them when necessary,” “How to interest and hold the children,” “How to make the library most useful to teachers and pupils in the public schools,” and others pertinent to library work.

The meetings were entirely informal, all joining freely in discussion.

That those present found interest and profit was proven by the numerous requests that were made for similar meetings to be held from time to time.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

In November, 1902, Mr. Howland resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. C. M. Winslow of Brandon. In October, 1903, only a short time before his tragic death, Mr. Rustedt, who had been a member of the Board from its establishment, resigned and the Governor appointed Mr. Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro as his successor.

Mr. Rustedt's services as a commissioner were characterized by the same thoroughness, fairness and judicial carefulness which marked all of his other work. His instrumentality in all that has been accomplished by the Board was large and was the practical expression of his deep and abiding faith in the inestimable value of the free public library.

In accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of 1902, authorizing the Board to employ a secretary, Miss Esther Taber of Burlington was elected to this position in February, 1903, and performed its duties acceptably until September, 1904, when she resigned and was succeeded by Miss Frances Hobart of Cambridge, Vermont.

INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY WITH STATE AID.

If any town wishes to take advantage of the act which will be found printed on a following page in this report the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting.

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

The Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 890 and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

Upon application to the Library Commissioners a blank will be furnished entitled "Application of the Board of Library Trustees" to which should be attached the blank filled out by the town clerk.

These blanks are as follows:

No. 1.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,.....190

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of.....
Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

.....
Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

..... Vt.,.....190

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held

on the first Tuesday of March, 190 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

.....

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

The Commissioners will then send the trustees the following blank to be filled out and returned to them.

No. 3.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees*

have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act."

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.



LUNENBURG FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

..... Secretary.

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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

VALUE OF PERIODICALS.

The Commission wish to call the attention of such libraries as are not now making collections of magazine literature to the great value of such collections for reference work; and, if the magazines are bound, for general circulation. For little more than the cost of binding, libraries may acquire invaluable material. If a library cannot afford to bind, the magazines may still be made very convenient for use by tying them neatly into volumes, arranged by volume and number, not by year and month.

COLLECTION OF PERIODICALS.

In the better class of these magazines are contained the best fiction, the best poetry, the best essays, or discussions which the literary world has produced for the past fifty years. If you are unable to get full sets, or complete volumes, get odd numbers, trusting that in time you may complete your volume or set by other gifts. The St. Nicholas, and Youth's Companion will be found invaluable for work in the schools; the Forum, North American Review and Outlook for the high school debating societies; the Century, Harper's monthly and Scribner's magazine for travel, art and literature clubs.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR PERIODICALS.

In the hope of helping the libraries of the state to build up reference collections of magazines, the Commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. It is the purpose of the clearing

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Who's Who in America. 1903. Marquis, \$2.75.

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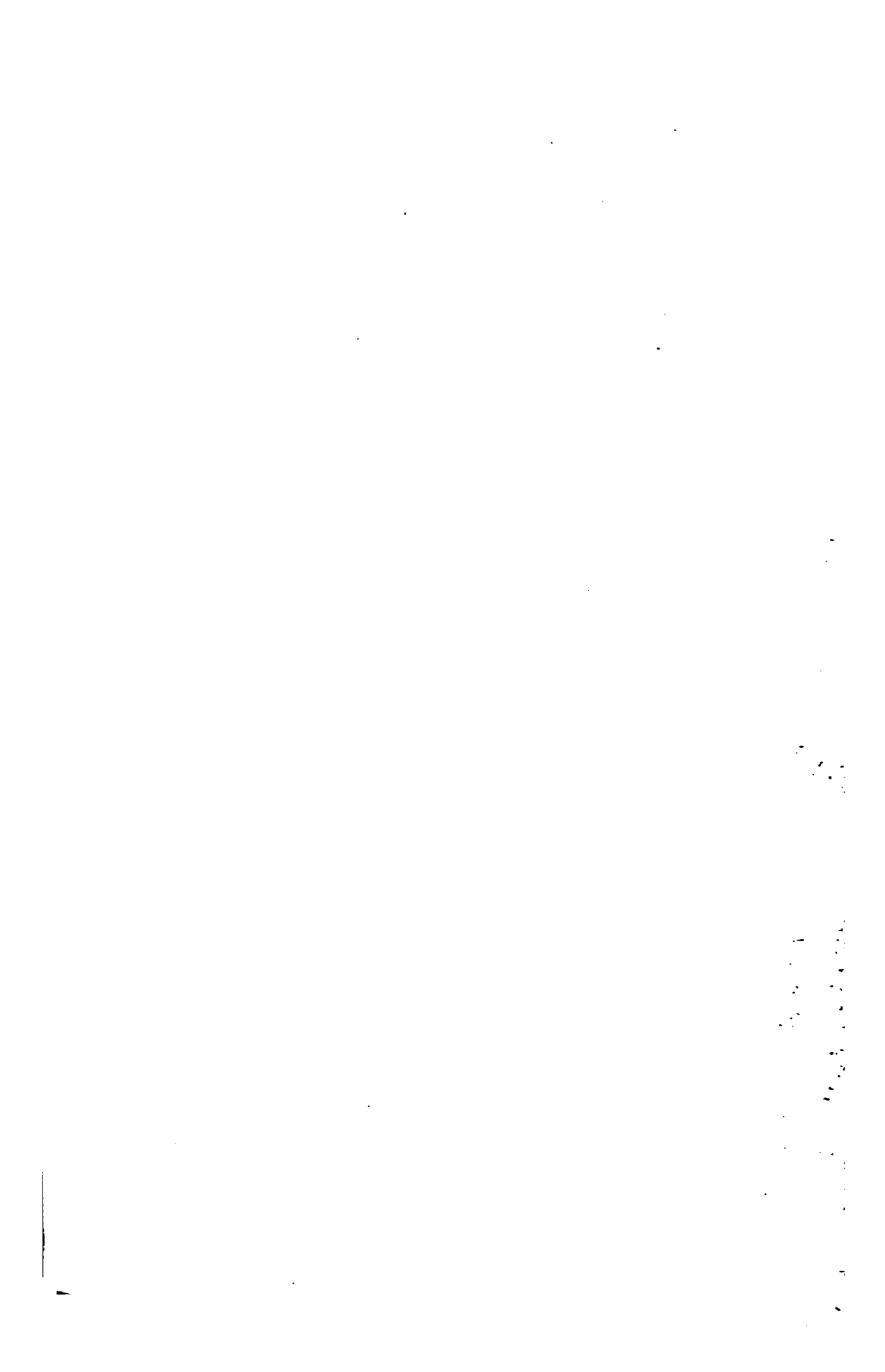
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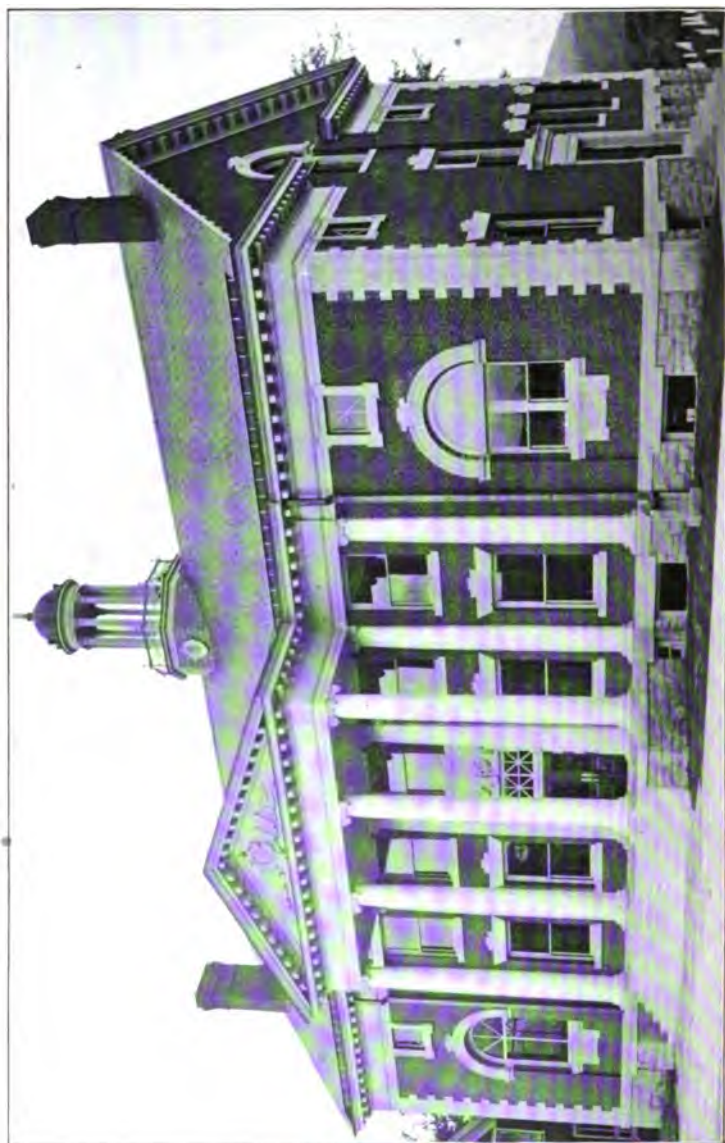
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Peacham.....	20 vols.....	Mrs. M. E. Wheeler.
	\$ 500.00.....	Hannah Martin est.
Pittsford.....	300.00.....	Carlos A. Hitchcock.
	100 vols.....	
Randolph.....	\$ 250.00.....	Addie M. Lounsbury fund.
	500.00 reference lib'y.....	Family of Hiram Kimball.
	17,000.00 building and furniture.....	Robert J. Kimball.
Reading.....	100.00.....	Mrs. A. E. Robinson.
	48.47.....	Friends.
Sharon.....	25.00.....	Entertainments.
Shelburne.....	20.00.....	Dramatic Club.
	100.00.....	Mrs. W. S. Webb.
St. Albans.....	300 vols.....	G. E. Lucas.
	600 ".....	Est. of D. D. Ranlett (loan).
	500 ".....	King's Daughters (loan.)
Sutton.....	50 vols.....	Rev. Franklin Blake.
Swanton.....	100.00.....	Promoters of Fourth of July Celebration.
		Est. of Mrs. Mary Atherton.
Waterbury.....	100.00.....	Messrs. Converse.
Weathersfield.....	450.00.....	Mrs. Woodruff.
	25.00.....	
	Building given by Hon. B. F. Blood.....	Lecture.
Westfield.....	14.70.....	Friends.
Wilmington.....	31 vols.....	Mrs. Goddard.
Windham.....	28 vols.....	Mr. B. Franklin Blood.
Windsor.....	\$13,000.00 for building.....	

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREEMENT	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904.	NO. VOLS. (APPROX) LAST YEAR.	STATE AID	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1904.	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Addison.....	Addison Free Public Lib....	1902	Yes	Mrs. H. H. White...	270	40	Yes	\$ 25.00		
Bridport.....	No library.....									
Bristol.....	Bristol Free Library.....	1902	Yes	Kate I. Stewart.....	1,371	128		200.00		
Cornwall.....	Lane Library.....	1859	No							
Ferrisburg.....	No library.....									
Goshen.....	No library.....									
Granville.....	Granville Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Bessie M. Hubbard.....	344	19	Yes	15.00		
Hancock.....	No library.....									
Leicester.....	No library.....									
Lincoln.....	Lincoln Free Library.....	1900	Yes	Edna C. Bristol.....	300					
Middlebury.....	Ladies' Library.....	1866	No	Emma L. Higley.....	4,600					
Monkton.....	College Library.....	1800	Yes	C. B. Wright.....	24,000		No		\$ 5,000.00	Miss Starr.
New Haven.....	No library.....									
Orwell.....	New Haven Town Library.....	1901	Yes	S. Brown.....	400	26	Yes	*25.00		
Panton.....	Orwell Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Addie M. Raymond.....	1,148	252	Yes	100.00		
Ripton.....	No library.....									
Salisbury.....	Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Timothy Billings.....	330		Yes			
Shoreham.....	Shoreham Public Library.....	1901	Yes	Marcia A. Douglas.....	800	30	Yes	25.00		
Starksboro.....	No library.....									
Vergennes.....	Vergennes Library.....	1876	No	Mary P. Tucker.....	3,541			226.00		
Waltham.....	No library.....									
Weybridge.....	The Cotton Free Public Library of Weybridge.....	1899	Yes	Martin E. Sprague.....	1,350	100	Yes	25.00	5,000.00	Joshua F. Cotton.
Whiting.....	Whiting Circulating Lib....	1899	No							

Library free, 11 towns; library not free, 4 towns; no library, 9 towns; total, 24 towns. *Supplemented by \$100 raised by socials, etc.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1904.	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Arlington.....	Arlington Circulating Lib	1899	No	Martha H. Canfield.	800	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Bennington.....	Bennington Free Library	1866	Yes	Mary B. Merrill.	8,000	184	No	\$500.00	\$525.00	.....
Dorset.....	Dorset Public Library.....	1870	No	Mrs. J. L. Obnmaier	1,000	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glastenbury.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Landgrove.....	Landgrove Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. G. M. Harris.	278	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	Mark Skinner Library.....	1897	No	C. M. Chamberlain.	14,350	661	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peru.....	Peru Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. C. W. Whitney.	511	.....	Yes	15.00	40,000.00	Mrs. Henry J. Willing.
Pownal.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Readsboro.....	Readsboro Free Library.....	1899	Yes	A. P. Bishop	579	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Rupert.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandgate.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searsburg.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shaffsbury.....	South Shaffsbury Lib. Assn	1874	No	Mrs. Sarah Winfield.	800	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Stamford.....	Stamford Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Miss M. C. Morlsey.	324	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Sunderland.....	Sunderland Town Library.....	1896	Yes	J. M. Gregory.	254	42	Yes	15.00	.....	.....
Winhall.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodford.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Library free, 6 towns; library not free, 4 towns; no library, 7 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1904	ENDOW- MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Barnet.....	Barnet Free Public Library.....	1900	Yes	Henrietta Willey.....	1,400	100	Yes	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Mrs. Horace Fairbanks.
Burke, { East.....	Ladies' Library Association.....	1872	No	Mrs. E. P. Root.....	475	50	..	..	..	..
West.....	Ladies' Library Association.....	1875	No	Gertrude E. Burt.....	1,143	40	No	..	..	..
Danville.....	Ladies' Library Association.....	1879	No	Mrs. S. C. Currier.....	1,600	100	No	..	1,000.00	{ Building given by Mrs. C. B. Pope.
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes	George N. Clark.....	598	10	Yes	25.00	..	..
Hardwick.....	{ Hathaway Free Public Lib. Jendevine Memorial Library.....	1895 1897	Yes Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman Carrie P. Bridgman.....	1,069 665	76 83	Yes Yes	\$400.00 15.00	..	{ Building given by Mrs. M. M. Jendevine.
Kirby.....	Kirby Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. A. S. Graves.....	522	..	Yes	..	..	..
Lyndon.....	Lyndon Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. Dutton.....	2,279	189	Yes	350.00	..	..
Newark.....	Ladies' Library.....	..	No	Mrs. C. T. Gray.....	375	..	No	..	..	..
Peacham.....	Jayville Library Society.....	1810	No	Anna B. Renfrew.....	2,115	68	No	..	1,535.00	Thaddeus Stevens and others.
Ryegate.....	Ryegate Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mary S. Beattie.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Johnsbury.....	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.....	1871	Yes	E. T. Fairbanks.....	17,000	..	..	..	52,000.00	Horace Fairbanks.
Shelfield.....	No library.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stannard.....	No library.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stanton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. L. B. Wilton.....	745	96	..	25.00	..	..
Walden.....	Walden Free Public Library.....	1895	Yes	George T. Eastman.....	395	11	Yes	25.00	..	..
Waterford.....	Waterford Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Caroline H. Streeter.....	328	50	..	50.00	..	..
Wheelock.....	Wheelock Public Library.....	1897	Yes	Mrs. J. A. McDowell.....	497	54	Yes	45.00	..	..

Library free, 11 towns; library not free, 5 towns; no library, 2 towns; total, 18 towns. †Annually. *For running both libraries in town.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. July, 1904	No. Vols. Added Last Year	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bolton	No library	1835	Yes	Edith E. Clarke	69,127	1,907	No		\$100,000.00	Fred's Billings family.
Burlington	Billings library								10,000.00	Maria Loomis.
									1,200.00	Wheeler Fund.
Burlington	Fletcher Free Library	1904	Yes	Sarah C. Hagar	40,600	600	No	\$2,200.00	1,500.00	Strong Fund.
									4500.00	Mary L. Fletcher.
									10,000.00	Horatio Loomis.
									50,000.00	For building given by Andrew Carnegie.
Charlotte	Breezy Point Library	1903	Yes	May C. Higbee	500	60	No			
Colchester	King's Daughters Library	1900	Yes	C. M. Parmelee	230	109	No			
Essex	Essex Free Library	1899	Yes	Irma W. Beach	1,221	96	Yes	50.00		
Hinesburg	Hinesburg Public Library	1902	Yes	M. R. France	750	25	Yes	25.00		
Huntington	No library									
Jericho	Jericho Town Library	1899	Yes	Mrs. Jennie W. Hart	600	30	Yes	25.00		
Milton	Milton Free Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. C. L. Wolcott	300	13	Yes	25.00		
Richmond	Jonas Barber Library	1888	Yes	Mary Olmstead	700		No	‡	1,387.36	Jonas F. Barber
St. George	No library									
Shelburne	Shelburne Free Library	1896	Yes	Anna Dubuc	1,114	93	Yes	65.00	‡50.00	Mrs. W. S. Webb.
So. Burlington	No library									
Underhill	Underhill Library Ass'n	1883	No	Mrs. G. H. Benedict	800	25	No			
Underhill	Underhill Town Library	1903	Yes	Mrs. W. J. Fuller			Yes	25.00		
Westford	Westford Free Library	1895	Yes	O. H. Jackson	625	36	Yes	25.00		
Williston	No library									

Library free, 12 towns: library not free, 1 town; no library, 5 towns; total, 18 towns. * Appropriated by the city. † Yearly. ‡ Town pays salary of librarian.

ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1904	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bloomfield.....	No library.....	1896	Yes	Leta J. Eaton.....	991	65	Yes	\$ 120.00		
Brighton.....	Island Pond Public Library.....	1896	Yes							
Brunswick.....	No library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. Albert Weeks.....	484	36		25.00		
Canaan.....	Canaan Library.....	1896	Yes	H. C. Wilcox.....	909			25.00		
Concord.....	Concord Public Library.....	1896	Yes							
East Haven.....	No library.....	1896	Yes	Edna Wells.....	225	20	Yes	15.00		
Granby.....	Town library.....	1901	Yes	Mrs. Chas. F. Webb.....	820	85	Yes	65.00		{ B'dg given and furnished by Hon. E. C. Benton.
Guildhall.....	Guildhall Public Library.....									
Lemington.....	No library.....	1896	Yes	Julia R. White.....		53	Yes	50.00		
Lunenburg.....	Lunenburg Public Library.....		Yes							
Maldstone.....	†									
Norton.....	No library.....									
Victory.....	Victory Public Library.....	1897	Yes		261	35		15.00		

Library free, 8 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 13 towns. *Guildhall appropriated \$50.00, Northumberland, N. H., \$10.00, and both have free use of the library by terms of the bequest. † Makes appropriation for, and by terms of the bequest has free use of Guildhall Public Library.



PROCTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY—WEATHERSFIELD.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T App. BY TOWN 1904	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bakersfield.....	† No library.....		Yes							
Berkshire.....	Enosburg Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Edith Pratt.....			Yes	100.00		
Enosburg.....	Fairfax Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Miss A. B. Becman.....	400		Yes	25.00		
Fairfax.....	Fairfield Free Library.....	1900	Yes	Miss A. G. Soule.....	800	40	Yes	25.00		
Fairfield.....	Fletcher Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. A. Carpenter.....			Yes	25.00		
Franklin.....	Franklin Free Library.....	1896	Yes	C. W. Powell.....	750		Yes	25.00		
Georgia.....	Georgia Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. Abner Bliss.....			Yes	25.00		
Higbgate.....	Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Josephine H. Lyon.....			Yes	50.00		
Montgomery.....	Town Library.....	1895	Yes	Charles L. Martin.....	650	128	Yes	25.00		
Richford.....	Arvin A. Brown Public Lib.	1895	Yes	Nellie S. Brown.....			No		\$350.00	Arvin A. Brown.
St. Albans.....	St. Albans Free Public Lib.	1865	Yes	Bertha C. Jennison.....	5,067	382	No	\$600.00	1,000.00	Luther B. Hunt.
Sheldon.....	Sheldon Free Public Lib.	1897	Yes	P. P. Curtiss.....	1,088		Yes	50.00	3,000.00	Jonathan Northrop.
Swanton.....	Swanton Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Elizabeth S. Rogers.....	2,899	321	Yes	200.00		

Library free, 14 towns; no library, 1 town; total 15 towns. * Yearly. † Appropriated by the city, \$500.00. Appropriated by the town \$100.00. ‡ Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield. § Makes appropriation for, has free use of and has three members in the board of nine trustees of St. Albans city library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1904	RENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Alburg.....	Alburg Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. F. H. Brayton.....	800	35	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1888	No	Mrs. B. Uford.....	250	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Nellie Daba.....	250	.....	Yes	15.00	.....	.....
North Hero.....	No Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. Julia Hall.....	452	32	Yes	15.00	.....	.....

Library free, 3 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 1 town; total, 5 towns.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	No. Vols. July, 1904	No. Vols. Added Last Year	State Aid	Ac't App. By Town 1904	Endow- ment	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Belvidere.....	No Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	*Cambridge Town Library	1899	Yes	Carrie P. Carroll...	850	80	Yes	\$50.00	.....	.....
Eden.....	No Library.....	.....	.....	Mrs. J. W. Raymore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmore.....	No Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hyde Park.....	Hyde Park Public Library.	1896	Yes	.....	1,000	60	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Johnson	Johnson Public Library....	1895	Yes	Edward G. French...	801	.....	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Morristown.....	Morristown Centennial Lib	1891	Yes	F. G. Fleetwood....	2,800	.....	No	175.00	\$500.00	D. T. Safford Fund.
Stowe.....	Stowe Free Library.....	1866	Yes	Mrs. M. A. Jenney...	2,287	11	No	150.00	200.00	Mary Clark.....
Waterville.....	Free Library....	1895	Yes	Mrs. R. A. Willey...	.....	.....	Yes	.....	500.00	Poland.....
Wolcott.....	No Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Library free, 6 towns; no library, 4 towns; total, 10 towns. *Maintains two branches at Cambridge and Jeffersonville.

ORANGE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN IN 1904	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Bradford	Bradford Public Library	1895	No	Annie C. Spaulding	3,075	78	No	\$25.00	\$5,000.00	J. L. Woods.
Braintree	Braintree Public Library	1900	Yes	Isabel Lasky		Yes	Yes	250.00		
Brookfield	Brookfield Town Library	1787	No	Huldah Parmenter	2,578	74	No	50.00		{ Building given by Alden Speare.
Chelsea	Alden Speare Memorial Lib	1892	Yes	Nellie Corwin		No	No		\$500.00	{ Mrs. Almira Penno, Mr. Chas. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Black. Also gave building.
Corinth	Blake Memorial Library	1894	No	Mrs. S. Butterfield			No			
Fairlee	Fairlee Public Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. B. W. Abbott		Yes	Yes	15.00		
Newbury	Tenney Memorial Library	1897	Yes	Francis M. Atkinson	4,808	366	No	150.00	\$215.00	{ Building given by Martha J. Tenney
Orange	Orange Library	1881	Yes	Mrs. Myra F. Davis	600		Yes			
Randolph	Kimball Public Library	1896	Yes	Anne L. DuBois	5,400	370	Yes	900.00	3,800.00	{ Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker, Building and furniture valued at \$17,000 given by Col. R. J. Kimball
Strafford	Harris Library	1855	Yes	Marian C. Hatch			No	15.00	1,050.00	{ Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill.
Thetford	(Latham Memorial Lib	1876	Yes	Mrs. F. E. Gary	3,000	60	No		1,500.00	Mrs. A. L. Barney.
Topsham	Peabody Library	1867	No	Harvey Uodge			No		2,500.00	
Tunbridge	No Library									
Vernon	Colton Library	1895	Yes	Rev. A. C. Dodge			Yes	15.00		
Washington	Washington Town Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Charles Emery	747		Yes	25.00	600.00	Mrs. H. A. White.
West Fairlee	No Library									
Williamstown	Williamstown Social Lib.	1801	No	George B. Wilber	3,050	50	No			

Library free, 10 towns; Library not free, 4 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Albany	No Library.	1886	Yes	L. M. Hubbard			Yes	\$200.00		
Barton	Barton Town Library	1900	No	Mabel Dutton			No			
Brownington	Cong'l Sunday School Lib.	1896	Yes	Mrs. I. E. Wolcott			No			
Charleston	E. Charleston Read'g Circle	1879	Yes	Arthur C. Cole			No			
Coventry	No Library									
Craftsbury	Craftsbury Academy Lib.	1899	Yes	Lizzie M. Sargent	8,000	200		500.00	\$32,000.00	Converse G. Goodrich.
Craftsbury	No Library									
Derry	No Library									
Dover	No Library									
Glover	No Library									
Greensboro	Greensboro Free Library	1900	Yes	Mrs. F. U. Jackson	1,221		Yes	100.00		{ Building given by Mr. H. S. Tolman.
Holland	No Library									
Irasburg	No Library									
Jay	No Library									
Lowell	No Library									
Morgan	No Library									
Newport	Goodrich Memorial Lib.	1899	Yes	Lizzie M. Sargent	8,000	200		500.00	\$32,000.00	Converse G. Goodrich.
Troy	No Library									
Westfield	Westfield Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. E. S. Miller	435	59	Yes	15.00		
Westmore	Westmore Public Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. A. Bean	400		Yes	15.00		

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 10 towns; total, 18 towns.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1904	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Benson	Benson Free Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. P. E. Wilcox	1,041	80	Yes	\$ 100.00		
Brandon	Brandon Free Public Lib.	1901	Yes	Ida J. S. Kingsley	2,350	380	No			
Castleton	Castleton Free Library	1897	Yes	Minnie A. Rice	1,600	50	Yes	125.00		
Chittenden	Chittenden Free Public Lib	1895	Yes	E. J. Perry			Yes	25.00		
Clarendon	No library									
Danby	Danby Free Library	1880	Yes	Mrs. J. C. Griffith	700					
Fair Haven	Fair Haven Public Library	1886	Yes	Ellen F. Dewey	5,000	82	No	600.00		
Hubbardton	No library						No			
Ira	Baptist Sunday School Lib.	1850	Yes	Grace E. Lincoln			No			
Mendon	No library						No			
Middletown Sp	Public Library	1899	Yes	Dana S. Carpenter	713	104	Yes	160.00		
Mt Holly	No library									
Mt Tabor	No library									
Pawlet	Pawlet Public Library	1902	Yes	Orlando Bushee	510	63	Yes	1.50		Walker Memorial building given by Henry F. Walker
Pittsfield	Pittsfield Free Town Lib.	1900	Yes	Rufus Holt	188	28	Yes	15.00		M. D., otherwise endowed by several.
Pittsford	Maclure Library	1839	Yes	Bertha M. Shaw	6,055	346	No	259.32	\$ 394.00	
Poultney	Poultney Public Library	1895	Yes	Addie P. Kilbourn	4,100	290	Yes	500.00		
Proctor	Proctor Public Library	1891	Yes	Mary K. Norton	5,125	150	No	150.00		
Rutland	Rutland Free Library	1886	Yes	Lacy D. Cheney	14,750	630	No	2,000.00		Supported by H. H. Baxter
" Town	H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib	1891	Yes	Mrs. A. P. Riker			No			
Sherburne	No library									
Shrewsbury	No library									
Sudbury	No library									
Timonh	No library									
Wallingford	Gilbert Hart Library	1894	Yes	May L. Congdon	2,900		No	435.00	2,000.00	Susan E. Boyne
Wells	No library									
West Haven	Free Circulating Library	1899	Yes	Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock	234	19	Yes	31.00		
West Rutland	West Rutland Library	1881	Yes	Nellie H. Newton	1,675	150	No	320.00		

Library free, 17 towns; no library, 10 towns; total, 27 towns. • Annually.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1902	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Barre.....	{ Barre Library Association..	1872	No	Mrs. Louise L. Boyce	2,778	334	No	\$300.00	\$2,500	E. E. French.....
Barre (town of)	E. E. French Library.....	1889	No	"	1,492	10	No			
Berlin.....	No Library.....									
Cabot.....	Cabot Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. J. L. Kimball..	700	56	Yes	\$50.00		
Calais.....	Calais Circulating Library..	1882	No	Mrs. A. I. Converse..	1,145	30	No			
Duxbury.....	No Library.....									
E. Montpelier..	Dramatic and Musical Club	1877	No	George Kelton..						
Payson.....	No Library.....									
Marshfield.....	Jaquith Public Library.....	1899	Yes	A. E. Lamberton.....			Yes	150.00	†160	
Middlesex.....	No Library.....									
Montpelier.....	†Kellogg-Hubbard Library	1896	Yes	Mary E. Macomber..	14,190	832	No		115,000	{ Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John B. Hubbard.
Moretown.....	Moretown Library Asso.....	1904	No	Rev. O. B. Wells.....	200		No			
Northfield.....	§Northfield Free Public Lib	1895	Yes	Ellen L. Brown.....			Yes	254.00		
Plainfield.....	No Library.....									
Roxbury.....	No Library.....									
Waitsfield.....	Waitsfield Town Library....	1903	Yes	Flora Moriarty.....	465	30	Yes	25.00		
Warren.....	Warren Town Library.....	1901	Yes	Mrs. Laura Parker..			Yes	50.00		
Waterbury.....	Waterbury Public Library....	1888	No	Julia Parker.....	2,180	157	No	50.00		
Woodbury.....	Woodbury Public Library....	1895	Yes	B. H. Daniels.....			Yes	25.00		
W.icester.....	No Library.....									

Library free. 7 towns; library not free, 5 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 20 towns. * For care of both libraries. † Annually. ‡ Main-tains six travelling libraries in outlying districts. § Suffered from fire, May 17, 1904.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Athens.....	Athens Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. J. S. Hastings..	300	17	Yes	\$ 15.00		
Brattleboro.....	Brattleboro Free Library.....	1882	Yes	Mary F. Shakshober..	15,500	No	No	1,600.00		
Brookline.....	No library.....									
Dover.....	No library.....									
Danvers.....	Library Ass'n.....									
Grafton.....	Grafton Public Library.....	1874	No	Henry H. Miller.....	150		No			
Guilford.....	Guilford Free Library.....	1869	Yes	Mrs. Thaddeus Park..	3,000	90	No	100.00	\$ 500.00	Mrs. L. B. Daniels.
Halifax.....	No library.....	1891	Yes	Mrs. Etta Hobart.....	1,300	No	No	410.00	1,000.00	Mrs. C. A. King.
Jamaica.....	No library.....									
Londonderry.....	Londonderry Library Ass'n	1882	No	Mrs. H. A. Hayward..	1,000		No			
Marlboro.....	No library.....									
Newfane.....	Moore Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. P. C. Moore.....	4,068	170	No	100.00	2,000.00	Mrs. Philura C. Moore.
Putney.....	Putney Public Library.....	1897	Yes	Miss Freda Pember..	3,001	70	Yes	150.00	500.00	C. W. Kimball.
Rockingham.....	Rockingham Free Public Lib	1888	Yes	Mrs. N. A. Plantien..	8,400	285	No			
Somerset.....	No library.....									
Stratton.....	No library.....									
Townshend.....	Townshend Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. F. L. Osgood..	327	25	Yes	25.00		
Vernon.....	No library.....									
Wardsboro.....	Wardsboro Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. S. D. May.....			Yes	15.00		
Westminster.....	Ladies' Aid Society Library	1870	No	Nellie Houghton.....			No		\$45.00	
Whittingham.....	Whittingham Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Carrie E. Chase.....			Yes	25.00		
Wilmington.....	Wilmington Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Lettie Kingsley.....	1,388	89	Yes	50.00		
Windham.....	Windham Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. M. M. Lamson..	447	57	Yes	15.00		

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 23 towns. * Annually.



CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR	STATE AID	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904.	ENDOWMENT	BY WHOM ENDOWED
Andover.....	Andover Town Library.....	1896	Yes	A. E. Stannard.....	900	198	Yes	\$ 15.00	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	No library.....	1904	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnard.....	Bethel Public Library.....	1893	Yes	Nellie M. Adams.....	1,110	81	No	85.00	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canvondish.....	Fletcher Town Library.....	1870	Yes	B. G. White.....	6,000	100	No	300.00	*\$100.00	Richard Fletcher.
Chester.....	Whiting Free Library.....	1888	Yes	C. Ginevra Pollard..	3,220	30	No	200.00	4,000.00	{ Dr. Laurin S. and Abigail B. Whiting.
Hartford.....	Hartford Library.....	1892	Yes	Minnie E. Mason.....	3,550	100	No	.....	10,000.00	Ephraim Morris.
Hartford (vil- lage of Wild- er).....	Wilder Club and Library.....	1899	Yes	L. M. Hodgkins.....	1,331	65	No	.....	30,000.00	Charles T. Wilder.
Hartland.....	Hartland Public Library..	1896	Yes	Mrs. W. W. Kelley....	700	30	Yes	25.00	.....	{ Given and mostly supported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher.
Ladlow.....	Fletcher Memorial Library	1901	Yes	Frances M. Pierce....	7,700	.....	No	.....	.....	{ Building given by popular subscription.
Norwich.....	Norwich Public Library.....	1880	Yes	Mrs. Ellen W. Knight	2,600	22	No	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	Plymouth Union and Tyson	.....	No	{ Mrs. O. Crawford.. Mrs. Flora Scott.....	286 650	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Pomfret Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. W. W. Miller....	900	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Reading.....	Reading Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Minnie C. Fay.....	1,900	.....	Yes	25.00	100.00	Mrs. A. E. Robinson.
Rochester.....	Rochester Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. C. P. Flint.....	1,074	117	Yes	200.00	.....	.....
Royalton.....	Royalton Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Seymour Culver.....	728	40	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Sharon.....	Sharon Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. A. Roberts....	728	40	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	Springfield Town Library..	1871	Yes	Mattie Goodnough..	4,919	200	No	500.00	153.52	{ One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Semi- nary building.
Stockbridge.....	{ Stockbridge Free Library.† Belcher Library.....	{ 1895 1896	{ Yes Yes	{ J. A. Chedel..... F. E. Steele.....	..... 700	..... .....	{ Yes No	{ 25.00 75.00	{ 400.00	{ William C. Belcher. Building given by Hon. B. Franklin Blood.
Weathersfield.....	Proctor Library.....	1903	Yes	Nellie P. Blanchard..	.....	.....	No	200.00	.....	.....
Weston.....	Weston Free Library.....	1898	Yes	George H. Coburn....	.....	.....	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
West Windsor.....	Mary L. Blood Mem'l Lib..	1901	Yes	J. A. Savage.....	.....	.....	Yes	75.00	.....	{ Building given by Hon. B. P. Blood.
Windsor.....	Windsor Library Ass'n.....	1882	Yes	Rev. E. N. Goddard..	9,900	217	No	500.00	10,000.00	{ Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Har- low. \$500 annually re- ceived from endowment.
Woodstock.....	Norman Williams Pub. Lib	1884	Yes	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith..	14,405	698	No	.....	*1,700.00	Dr. E. H. Williams.

Library free, 22 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 2 towns; total, 25 towns. *Annually. †Libraries united 1897.

ST. LOUIS EXHIBIT.

In February, 1904 a request was received from the Library of Congress asking that an exhibition of the work of the Vermont Commission should be sent to be incorporated in the "Exhibit of Libraries" for the Exposition at St. Louis.

In response to this request a large scrap book was made, which contained the following historical and descriptive material.

1. Comparative maps showing the condition of the state library field at the foundation of the Commission and during its progress until 1904.

2. A chronological list of the libraries established through the efforts of the Commission.

3. Sample lists of the books sent to the new libraries.

4. Set of application forms, statistical blanks and circulars sent out by the Commission.

5. Plates of typical libraries in rural districts, towns and cities.

6. Catalogues, circulars and reports of the Traveling Library Department.

A map was also prepared giving the location of all libraries in the state, free or otherwise, and stations for traveling libraries.

It is hoped that this exhibition will find a permanent place in the Library of Congress at the close of the Exposition, as it well illustrates the urgent need of the Library movement in the state before the foundation of the Commission and the remarkable response met with after its establishment. The following table was a part of this exhibit:

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY
AID OF THE COMMISSION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	1895	WHERE LOCATED.
Andover Town Library, Barton,		Post Office. Block.
Canaan Free Library, Chittenden Public Library,		Block. Residence.
Georgia Free Public Library,		Town Hall.
Granby, Sunset Library,		Town Hall.
Groton Public Library,		Residence.
Granville Public Library,		Residence.

Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public Library,	Post Office.
Hyde Park Public Library,	Post Office.
Island Pond Public Library,	Town Hall.
Isle La Motte Public Library,	Y. M. C. A.
Johnson Public Library,	Residence.
Kirby Free Public Library,	Residence.
Landgrove Public Library,	
Lunenburg Public Library,	Store.
Lyndon Free Public Library,	
Marshfield Town Library,	Residence.
Montgomery Free Library,	Block.
Northfield Free Public Library,	Town Hall.
Orange Public Library,	Store.
Peru Free Public Library,	Residence.
Poultney Free Public Library,	Town Hall.
Ripton Free Library,	Block.
Rochester Free Public Library,	Store.
Ryegate,	Residence.
Sharon Public Library,	Post Office.
Shelburne Free Library,	Town Hall.
Sheldon Town Library,	Residence.
South Hero Library,	Town Hall.
Stamford Free Public Library,	Store.
Stockbridge Free Public Library,	Residence.
Sutton Free Library,	Residence.
Vershire Town Library,	Town Hall.
Walden Free Public Library,	Town Hall.
Waterville Town Library,	Post Office.
Westford Town Library,	Residence.
West Windsor Free Public Library,	Post Office.
Wilmington Free Library,	Residence.
Windham Library,	Town Hall.
Woodbury Town Library,	
Woodford,	

1896.

Alburgh Town Library,	Residence.
Athens Public Library,	Residence.
Cabot Public Library,	Residence.
Concord Library,	Post Office.
Enosburg Town Library,	Store.
Fletcher Public Library,	Residence.
Franklin Library,	Store.
Hartland Public Library,	
Newport Town Library,	
Orwell Free Library,	Residence.
Pomfret Public Library,	Town Hall.
Randolph Public Library,	
South Royalton,	Town Hall.

Sunderland Town Library, Waitsfield Public Library, Waterford Public Library, Westmore Public Library,		Post Office. Residence. Residence.
	1897.	
Castleton Free Public Library, Highgate Town Library, Reading (Felchville), The Davis Library, Victory Public Library, Wheelock Public Library,		Bank Building. Office.
	1898.	
Benson Public Library, Fairlee Public Library, Milton Free Library, Shoreham Public Library, Weston Public Library,		Drug Store. Residence. Residence.
	1899.	
Cambridge Town Library, Essex Public Library, Fairfax Free Library, Jericho Town Library, Middletown Springs Public Library, Readsboro Free Library, Swanton Free Library, Townshend Public Library, Wardsboro Free Public Library, Westfield Town Library, Westhaven Free Public Library, Weybridge Free Public Library, Whitingham Free Library,		Block. Residence. Drug Store. Studio. Residence. Town Hall. Residence. Residence. Town Hall. Residence.
	1900.	
Barnet Public Library, Braintree Public Library, Greensboro Free Library, Lincoln Free Library,		Residence. Room furnished by Ladies' Aid Society.
Warren Town Library,		Residence.
	1901.	
Fairfield Free Library, New Haven Town Library, Salisbury Public Library,		Office. Academy. Residence.
	1902.	
Addison Public Library, Bristol Free Library, Hinesburg Public Library,		Residence. Block. Town Hall.
	1903.	
Barnard, Charles B. Danforth Free Public Library, Guildhall Free Public Library,		Town Hall.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

INFORMATION IN REGARD TO TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The legislature of 1900 passed the Traveling Library bill as found on a following page. By it the Vermont Free Library Commission was empowered to purchase a number of traveling libraries which it can loan to small libraries, or to library associations in farming communities and small villages. Each of these libraries contains from 30 to 50 volumes of interesting and wholesome books. It may remain in a community for six months and must then be returned to the Commission to be exchanged for another, if desired.

To secure the visits of these libraries the people of a community must first organize a library association which shall include at least three responsible citizens. They must elect a Secretary who shall be authorized to receive the libraries and return them, and who is empowered to act as their agent in dealing with the Commission. They shall also elect a librarian (though the Secretary may act as librarian) who shall have charge of the libraries which the association may receive. The Secretary and at least two other responsible members shall sign an application promising:

1. To pay the expenses of the transportation of these libraries from and to Burlington and to provide a suitable and convenient place in which to keep them.
2. That the books of these libraries shall be loaned without charge to any persons in the community who will observe the rules made by the Commission.
3. That the association will be responsible for the safe return of the books of the library in good condition except for unavoidable wear and tear.

The libraries will be sent by express.

There are now 39 library stations: of this number, 13 have become stations during the past two years. The whole number of libraries sent out in the past two years is 71. The reported circulation is as follows:

Fiction, - - -	4547
Children's books, - - -	2439
Essays, poetry, travel, history,	1568
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	8554

Number of readers, 1686.

There are on hand at present 23 large libraries, two school libraries, 10 small libraries and four special libraries. Of the special libraries one is for the study of the city of New York, the list of which we give below; one is a collection of books on the city of Washington; one is on India; and one a small collection of books of reference and articles of use to librarians.

There have been a good many demands for libraries to be loaned to schools. Several libraries have been so loaned and it is the purpose of the Commission to enlarge this branch of the work in the near future. As many libraries of books suitable for use in schools will be purchased as our appropriation will allow. These will be adapted to schools of various grades. The school directors may become responsible for them, or an association of citizens, if that is more convenient. It is not intended to restrict the use of books to the schoolroom or even to the pupils. They can be taken home, and can be loaned to adult members of families in the district.

It has seemed best to make up the traveling libraries in permanent form with printed catalogues. But the nucleus of a reserve library has been formed, from which groups of books for special use may be drawn. This nucleus now numbers 200 volumes.

Some towns hesitate about asking for a Traveling Library lest they be considered objects of charity. This is a mistaken notion. The books belong to the State of Vermont, and are for the free use of its citizens. No one is placed under any obligation in receiving them. They are one feature of the educational advantages which the State provides and are as free to its citizens as are its public schools.

The only expense to stations is for expressage. The American Express Company makes some reduction for libraries, so that the charges vary from \$.50 for a small box and short distance, to \$1.50 for a larger case and longer distance. Hence the sum of \$6.00 at the most would cover the expense of a Traveling Library for a year, and in many cases it falls below \$3.00. For from \$3.00 to \$6.00, a whole community can have the reading of from 60 to 100 books each year.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont:—

We the undersigned citizens of.....
, in which
 there is.....free public library, hereby apply for the loan of a
 traveling library under the Session Laws of 1900.

We name....., whom
 we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary,
 and to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating
 thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six
 months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to
 and from....., and to make good any losses or
 injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said
 library is in our custody.

..... this..... day
 of..... A. D. 190.....

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TRAVELING LIBRARY, NO. XX.
 CATALOGUE.

FICTION.

- 1 Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. Marjorie Daw and other people.
 Eight short delightful stories.

- 2 **Daskam, Josephine Dodge.** The madness of Philip.
Short stories about children.
- 3 **Chambers, Robert W.** The maid-at-arms.
Scene laid in central New York in Revolutionary times; some of the characters of Cardigan reappear.
- 4 **Ebers, George.** An Egyptian princess.
A story of Egypt, Persia and Greece at the time of Cambyzes and Croesus.
- 5 **Fox, John, Jr.** The little shepherd of Kingdom Come.
A story of boy life among the Kentucky mountains and the Blue Grass region before the war; shows the way in which Kentucky was rent asunder by the war and the glory of Morgan's men.
- 6 **Howells, William Dean.** The Kentons.
Vicissitudes of an excellent Ohio family during a European trip undertaken to divert the eldest daughter from an undesirable match.
- 7 **Lorimer, George Horace.** Letters from a self-made merchant to his son.
Letters of advice and encouragement from a Chicago merchant to his son at Harvard and later at Chicago.
- 8 **Lyall, Edna (*pseud.*)** The hinderers.
An English story of the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign.
- 9 **Ollivant, Alfred.** Danny.
A Scotch story of a dog.
- 10 **Page, Thomas Nelson.** Gordon Keith.
Scene is laid in Virginia in the Reconstruction period after the war. Northern aggressiveness and Southern helplessness are well contrasted.
- 11 **Parker, Gilbert.** The battle of the strong.
The scene is laid among the Channel Islands and in France during the Revolution.
- 12 **People of the whirlpool,** by the author of the garden of a commuter's wife.
A story of New York suburban life where the "whirlpoolers" live in summer.
- 13 **Reed, Myrtle.** Lavender and old lace.
The delightful story of two newspaper reporters who spend their vacation in a little seaport town "down east."
- 14 **Rice, Alice Hegan.** Lovey Mary.
A quaint delightful tale, the companion of "Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch."
- 15 **Smith, Alice Prescott.** The legatee.
The struggles and misunderstandings between a young man who inherits a lumber mill in the far north and his employees.
- 16 **Ward, Mrs. Humphrey.** Lady Rose's daughter.
A story of modern English society.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 17 **Barbour, Ralph H.** Behind the line.
A story of school and college life with the foot ball eleven.
- 18 **Coolidge, Susan.** Clover.
The adventure of Clover and her brother in Denver.
- 19 **Dix, Beulah Marie.** A little captive lad.
The story of a little lad in the time of Roundhead and Cavalier.
- 20 **Frasier, W. A.** Mooswa, and other stories of the boundaries.
Stories told by the trappers of the furred dwellers of the northern forests.
- 21 **Gates, Eleanor.** The biography of a prairie girl.
The adventures and struggles of a girl brought up on a Dakota farm. May interest adults more than children.
- 22 **Macdonald, George.** The princess and the goblin.
A delightful fairy tale for children.

- 23 **Macdonald, George.** St. George and St. Michael.
A story of the time of Cromwell and King Charles.
- 24 **Macleod, Norman.** The gold thread.
A story of two boys for young folks.
- 25 **Moffett, Cleveland.** Careers of danger and daring.
Stories of brave deeds performed by common men in their every day work, including the firemen, engineer and the wild beast tamer.
- 26 **Riley, James Whitcomb.** The book of joyous children.
Stories in poetry.
- 27 **Saunders, Marshall.** 'Tilda Jane.
The story of how a little orphan found a home.
- 28 **St. Nicholas.** Vol. XXIX. Part 1.
- 29 **St. Nicholas.** Vol. XXIX. Part 2.
- 30 **Wade, Mary Hazelton.** Our little Cuban cousin.
Portrays the games, manners and adventures of a little Cuban child.
- 31 **Weed, Clarence Moores.** Nature biographies.
Stories of the lives of butterflies, moths, grasshoppers and flies.
- 32 **Whitney, Mrs. A. D. T.** Faith Gartney's girlhood.
The record of a girl's life from fourteen to twenty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 33 **Brooks, John Graham.** The social unrest.
A study of the social forces now at work moulding the modern industrial world.
- 34 **Crowest, Frederick J.** The story of art in music.
A concise history of the growth of the theoretical and instrumental development of music.
- 35 **Cuyler, Theodore L.** Recollections of a long life.
The venerable Brooklyn pastor gives reminiscences which are largely of famous people, including Carlyle, Lincoln, Greeley, Dean Stanley, Spurgeon and others.
- 36 **De Windt, Harry.** Finland as it is.
The record of a journey through Finland, telling how others can do the same thing.
- 37 **Fairbanks, Edward Taylor.** The wrought brim.
Twelve talks full of hope and suggestion about the real things.
- 38 **Fernow, Bernhard E.** Economics of forestry.
Discusses questions of economics together with practical details and necessities of the forester's art. Reviews forestry movement in the United States.
- 39 **Fiske, John.** New France and New England.
Treats of Canadian development, Salem witchcraft, Norridgewock and Louisburg.
- 40 **Higginson, Thomas Wentworth.** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
A biography rich in personal recollections and knowledge of Longfellow's Cambridge life.
- 41 **Hopkins, Samuel A.** The care of the teeth.
A few simple directions regarding the best methods of caring for the teeth.
- 42 **Lucas, Frederic A.** Animals before man in North America.
The story of animal life on our continent, as found in fossils and unearthed from the hills.
- 43 **Morse, F. C.** Furniture of the olden time.
A study of the different kinds of Colonial furniture with many pictures illustrating the different periods.
- 44 **Poole, Stanley Lane.** The story of Cairo.
An interesting description of the great city of the Nile with its mediæval and modern associations.

- 45 Waddington, Mary King.** Letters of a diplomat's wife.
These letters are by a daughter of the late Charles King, President of Columbia College. They cover the period of the Czar's coronation and ten years of diplomatic life in London.
- 46 Wagner, Charles.** The simple life.
A work of deep thought dealing with the problem of making life more simple; remarkable for its sane insight and helpfulness.
- 47 Wheeler, Mrs. Candace.** Principles of home decoration.
How to decorate the walls, ceilings, and floors of a house from kitchen to garret, in an artistic and appropriate manner adapted to the needs of the house.
- 48 Wise, John S.** The end of an era.
An autobiography full of reminiscences and anecdotes of the famous Confederate men who fought with and then helped rebuild the South.

GROUP OF BOOKS FOR THE STUDY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

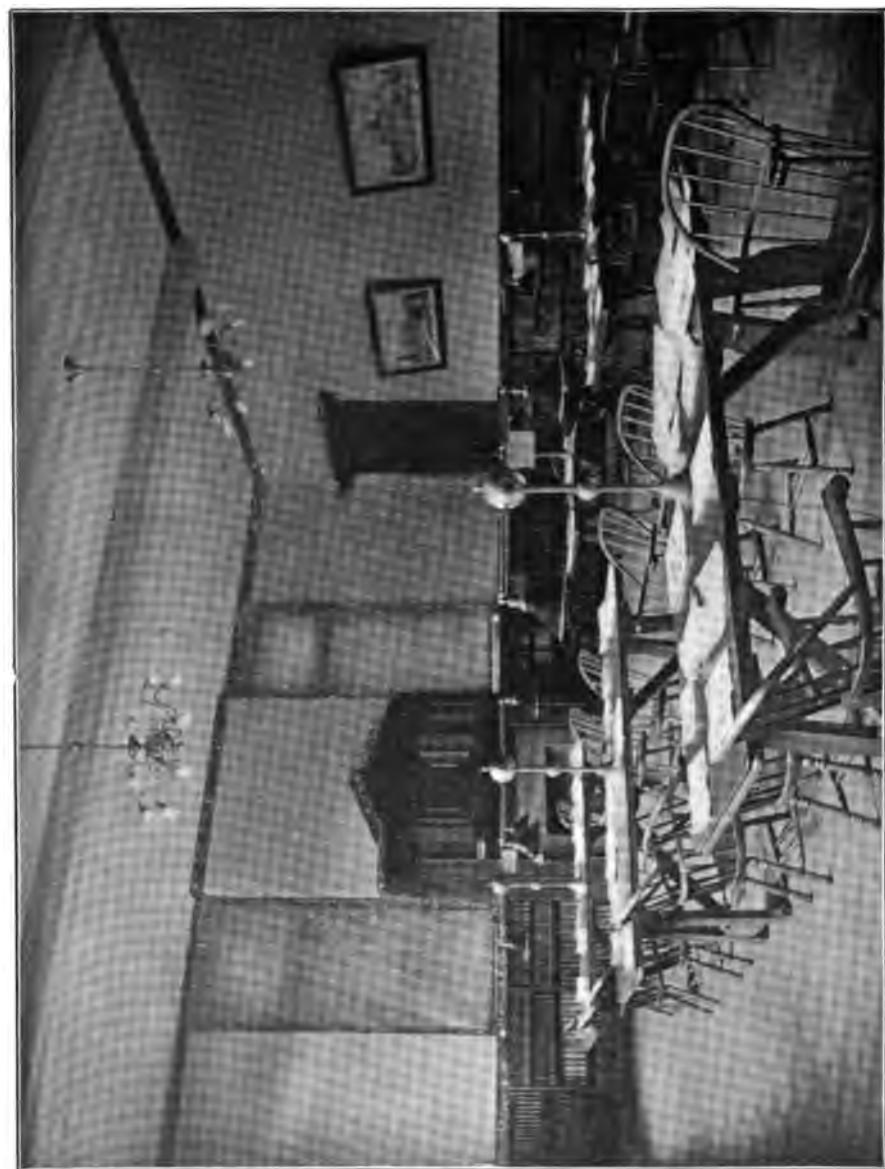
- ABBOTT, JOHN S. C. Peter Stuyvesant.
EARLE, ALICE MORSE. Colonial days in old New York.
FISKE, JOHN. Dutch and Quaker colonies in America. Vol. I. Vol. II.
HUBERT, P. G. Men of achievement; inventors.
IRVING, WASHINGTON. Knickerbocker's history of New York.
ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Historic towns: New York.
STODDARD, WILLIAM O. Men of achievement: men of business.
TODD, CHARLES BURR. Story of the city of New York.
ULMANN, ALBERT. A landmark history of New York.
WILSON, R. R. New York old and new. Vol. I. Vol. II.

FICTION.

- BARR, AMELIA. Bow of orange ribbon.
Maid of Maiden Lane.
Trinity bells.
BUNNER, H. C. Story of a New York house.
DOUGLAS, AMANDA. A little girl in old New York.
RAYNOR, E. Free to serve.

LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIAN'S USE.

- CUTTER, C. A. Expansive Classification. Rules for dictionary catalog.
DEWEY, MELVIL. Abridged decimal classification. Simplified library school rules.
DANA, JOHN COTTON. A library primer.
PLUMMER, M. W. Hints to small libraries.
HUTCHINS, F. A. Traveling libraries.
SOULE, C. C. Library rooms and buildings.
WIRE, G. E. How to start a public library.
A. L. A. Writing cards.
Rule. Label.
Accession books.
Register.
Shelf lists.



FLETCHER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—READING ROOM.

HINTS TO SMALL LIBRARIES.

By the kind permission of the author the following "Hints" are taken from "A Library Primer" by John Cotton Dana.

THE SELECTION OF BOOKS.

The selection of books should be left to the librarian, under the general direction of trustees or book committee.

There should be made at the start a collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, gazetteers, and scientific compendiums, which should not be lent. The extent of this collection will depend on the scope and purposes of the library. No library, however small, can dispense with some books of reference. But for a small library don't buy expensive works. The *Encyclopædia Britannica* is an example of what not to get. * * * * *

Put into the people's hands books worthy of their respect, then insist that they be handled carefully and treated always with consideration. Expensive books; that is, books which are first-class in paper, ink, and binding, are generally better worth their cost than cheap ones.

In the first purchases buy largely for children. They are the library's best pupils. They are more easily trained to enjoy good books than their elders. Through them the homes are best reached. They will, by their free use of the library, and by their approval of it, do much to add to its popularity. The best books for children will be enjoyed by all.

In selecting fiction, get from the older librarians a statement of what are the most popular of the wholesome novels found on the shelves. A better guide than this it will be difficult to find. Fiction is of the greatest value in developing a taste for reading. Everyone should be familiar with the great works of imagination. Nearly all the greatest literature of the world is fiction. The educational value of the novel is not often questioned.

But don't buy a novel simply because it is popular. If you follow that line you will end with the cheapest kind of stuff. Some librarians pretend that they must buy to please the public taste; that they can't use their own judgment in selecting books for a library which the public purse supports. Why these librarians don't supply the *Police Gazette* it is difficult to understand. "The public" would like it—some of them. We select school committees and superintendents and teachers to run our schools. We ask them to inform themselves on the subject and give us the best education they can. They don't try to suit everybody. They try to furnish the best. Library trustees and librarian are in a like case. The silly, the weak, the sloppy, the wishy-washy novel, the sickly love story, the belated tract, the crude hodge-podge of stilted conversation, impossible incident, and moral platitude or moral bosh for children—these are not needed. It is as bad to buy them and circulate them, knowingly, as it would be for our school authorities to install in our schoolrooms as teachers romantic, giggling girls and smarty boys. Buy good novels, those the wise approve of, in good type, paper, and binding; keep plenty of copies of each on hand; put them where your readers can handle them; add a few each year of the best only of the latest novels, and those chiefly

on trial (not to be bought again if found not to have real merit) and your public will be satisfied, and your library will be all the time raising the taste of the community.

ACCESSIONING BOOKS.

A careful record should be made of all books received. Use for this purpose what is called an accession book. This is a blank book ruled and lettered and numbered especially for library invoices. (See the Library Bureau Catalog.) It is the library's chief record, and should contain a complete history of every volume on its shelves. The items entered in the accession book concerning every volume in the library are commonly the following: Date of entry; accession number; class number (religion, sociology, etc.); author; title; place of publication and name of publisher; date of publication; binding (cloth, leather, etc.); size (octavo, quarto, etc.); number of pages; name of dealer from whom purchased; cost; remarks (maps, plates, etc.; books rebound; magazines, etc.; lost, worn out, replaced by another book, etc.)

Each book and each volume of a set has a separate accession number and a separate entry. Each entry occupies a line; each line is numbered from one up to such a number as the library has volumes. The number of each line, called the accession number, is written on the first page after the title-page of the book described on that line. The accession book is a life history of every book in the library. It forms such a record as any business-like person would wish to have of property entrusted to his care. It is also a catalog of all books in the library, and a useful catalog as long as the library is small. Never use an old accession number for a new book—even though the original book has disappeared from the library.

CLASSIFYING BOOKS.

Books may be classified into groups in a catalog or list, yet themselves stand without order on the shelves. For convenience in getting for anyone all the books on a given subject, and especially for the help of those who are permitted to visit the shelves, all books should stand in their appropriate classes. Each book, therefore, should bear a mark which will tell in what class it belongs; distinguish it from all other books in that class; show where it stands on the shelves among its fellows of the same class; and indicate which one it is of several possible copies of the same book. This mark can be used to designate the book in all records of it, instead of the larger entry of its author and title.

There are two classification systems worthy of consideration, the Dewey, or decimal, and the Cutter, or expansive. * * *

Having decided on your system of classification, begin to classify. This is one of the many things which can only be learned by doing. Give fiction no class number, but an author number or "book-mark" only, as explained in a later chapter. Give all biography a single letter as its class number, and follow this by the author number.

Distinguish all juvenile books, whether fiction or other, by writing before their numbers some distinguishing symbol.

Take up first, in classification proper, the subjects of history and travel, which will be found comparatively easy.

It is easier to classify 25 or 50 books at a time in any given class than it is to classify them singly as you come to them in the midst of books of other classes. Consequently, group your books roughly into classes before you begin work on them. * * *

If, after you have made up your mind, from an examination of the title page, or table of contents, or a few pages here and there, what subject a book treats of in the main, you are still in doubt in what class to place it, consider what kind of readers will be likely to ask for it, and in what class they will be likely to look for it, and put it into that class. In doubtful cases the catalogs of other libraries are often good guides.

Keep your classification as consistent as possible. Before putting a book, about which there is any opportunity for choice, in the class you have selected for it, examine your shelf list and see that the books already there are of like nature with it.

Classify as well as you can, and don't worry if you find you have made errors. There are always errors. Don't get into the habit of changing. Be consistent in classifying, and stick by what you have done.

THE DEWEY OR DECIMAL SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION.

The field of knowledge is divided into nine main classes, and these are numbered by the digits 1 to 9. Cyclopedias, periodicals, etc. so general in character as to belong to no one of these classes, are marked nought, and form a tenth class. Each class is similarly separated into nine divisions general works belonging to no division having nought in place of the division number. Divisions are similarly divided into nine sections, and the process is repeated as often as necessary. Thus 512 means Class 5 (Natural science), Division 1 (Mathematics), Section 2 (Algebra), and every algebra is numbered 512.

The books on the shelves and the cards in the subject catalog are arranged in simple numerical order, all class numbers being decimals. Since each subject has a definite number, it follows that all books on any subject must stand together. The tables show the order in which subjects follow one another. Thus 512 Algebra precedes 513 Geometry, and follows 511 Arithmetic.

DIVISIONS.

000 General Works	500 Natural Science
010 Bibliography.	510 Mathematics.
020 Library Economy.	520 Astronomy.
030 General Cyclopedias.	530 Physics.
040 General Collections.	540 Chemistry.
050 General Periodicals.	550 Geology.
060 General Societies.	560 Paleontology.
070 Newspapers.	570 Biology.
080 Special Libraries. Polygraphy.	580 Botany.
090 Book Rarities.	590 Zoology.

100 Philosophy	600 Useful Arts
110 Metaphysics.	610 Medicine.
120 Special Metaphysical Topics.	620 Engineering.
130 Mind and Body.	630 Agriculture.
140 Philosophical Systems.	640 Domestic Economy.
150 Mental Faculties. Psychology.	650 Communication and Commerce.
160 Logic.	660 Chemical Technology.
170 Ethics.	670 Manufactures.
180 Ancient Philosophers.	680 Mechanic Trades.
190 Modern Philosophers.	690 Building.
200 Religion	700 Fine Arts
210 Natural Theology.	710 Landscape Gardening.
220 Bible.	720 Architecture.
230 Doctrinal Theol. Dogmatics.	730 Sculpture.
240 Devotional and Practical.	740 Drawing, Design, Decoration.
250 Homiletic. Pastoral. Parochial.	750 Painting.
260 Church. Institutions. Work.	760 Engraving.
270 Religious History.	770 Photography.
280 Christian Churches and Sects.	780 Music.
290 Non-Christian Religions.	790 Amusements.
300 Sociology	800 Literature
310 Statistics.	810 American.
320 Political Science.	820 English.
330 Political Economy.	830 German.
340 Law.	840 French.
350 Administration.	850 Italian.
360 Associations and Institutions.	860 Spanish.
370 Education.	870 Latin.
380 Commerce and Communication.	880 Greek.
390 Customs. Costumes. Folk-lore.	890 Minor Languages.
400 Philology	900 History
410 Comparative.	910 Geography and Description.
420 English.	920 Biography.
430 German.	930 Ancient History.
440 French.	940 { Europe.
450 Italian.	950 { Asia.
460 Spanish.	960 { Africa.
470 Latin.	970 { North America.
480 Greek.	980 { South America.
490 Minor Languages.	990 { Oceania and Polar Regions.

CATALOGING BOOKS.

A printed list or catalog of the library is one of the first things that will be asked for by the public. It is useful especially for those who cannot well visit the library. But it is very expensive; it is out of date as soon as issued; it cannot often be sold; it requires training and experience to make it properly, and the money it will cost can be better spent otherwise. Do not issue one. Print lists of additions in newspapers. Post them in the library. Issue an occasional bulletin of the latest purchases if you think it will be popular. Put your time, skill, energy, and money into the making of a full card catalog; keep this up to date; give the public access to it; teach them how to use it, and you will find the printed catalog not needed.

On cards prepared for the purpose, a card for each book—and a book is a book although in several volumes—write the author's surname (if the book is anonymous write first title), given name or names, if known, title, date of copyright, date of publication, call-number, and such other data as seem desirable. The price, for example, may be put here, and the size, indicating this by a letter. Arrange these cards alphabetically, by authors' names for an author catalogue. This catalog will be in constant use in the purchasing of books, in classifying new purchases, etc. By the call-number one can refer from any entry in it to the entry of the same book in the shelf-list. To make possible a like reference to the accession

book, write the accession number of each book near the bottom of the card on which it is entered. In making the catalog entries observe certain fixed rules of alphabetization, capitalization, punctuation, arrangement, etc., as set forth in the catalog rules which may be adopted. Only by so doing can you secure uniformity of entry, neatness in work, and the greatest possible meaning from every note, however much abbreviated.

Preserve this catalog with great care. It is the key to the records in shelf-list and accession book. In a small library the public may very properly use it. As soon as possible, if your library is to be quite large and much used, prepare for public use a duplicate of it, omitting all those entries in the original which are of use only to the librarian.

The average reader more often remembers the titles of books than their authors. Add, therefore, to the author-list, in your public catalog—not in your private or official catalog, for which author-entries alone are sufficient—a title-list; a set of cards like the author cards, except that on each one the book's title is entered first instead of its author. Arrange author and title-lists in one alphabetical series.

CHARGING SYSTEM.

On the inside of the front cover of every book in the library paste a manila pocket. (See Library Bureau catalog.) Or paste, by the bottom and the upper corners, thus making a pocket of it, a sheet of plain, stout paper at the bottom of the first page of the first flyleaf. On this pocket, at the top, write the call-number of the book. Below this print information for borrowers, if this seems necessary. In this pocket place a book-card of heavy ledger paper or light cardboard. On this book-card, at the top, write the call-number of the book in the pocket of which it is placed.

To every borrower the library issues a borrower's card. This card is made of heavy, colored tag-board, and contains the borrower's name and address, and his number in the series of borrowers' numbers.

The librarian, before delivering a book to a borrower, takes from the pocket the book-card, writes on it the number found at the top of the borrower's card, and after it, with a dater, stamps the day of the month. At the same time he stamps the same date on the borrower's card, and on the pocket in the book or on a dating slip pasted in the book opposite the pocket.

The borrower's card he places in the book pocket, the book-card he retains as a record of the loan, and the borrower takes the book away. The book-card, with all others representing the books issued on the same day, he places in a tray behind a card-bearing the date of the day of issue. All the book-cards representing books issued on a certain day are arranged in the order of their call-numbers.

Under this system the borrower can tell, by looking at his card, on what date the book he has was taken from the library. If he wishes to renew it without taking it back to the library, he can do so by a letter stating that he took on a certain day a book bearing a certain number, and wishes it renewed.

The librarian can tell, from the book-cards, what books are in circulation, and how many of each class were lent on a certain day.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows: :

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

Addison,	Hartland,	†St. Albans,
Alburg,	Highgate,	§St. Albans (Town of),
Andover,	Hinesburg,	Sharon,
Athens,	Hyde Park,	Shelburne,
Barnard,	Isle La Motte,	Sheldon,
Barnet,	Jericho,	Shoreham,
Barton,	Johnson,	South Hero,
Benson,	Kirby,	Stamford,
Braintree,	Landgrove,	Stockbridge,
†Brattleboro,	Lincoln,	†Stowe,
Brighton,	Lunenburg,	†Strafford,
Bristol,	Lyndon,	Sunderland,
Cabot,	Marshfield,	Sutton,
Cambridge,	Middletown Springs,	Swanton,
Canaan,	Milton,	Townshend,
Castleton,	Montgomery,	Underhill,
†Cavendish,	New Haven,	Vershire,
†Chelsea,	Newport,	Victory,
†Chester,	Northfield,	Waitsfield,
Chittenden,	Orange,	Walden,
Concord,	Orwell,	Wardsboro,
Enosburg,	Pawlet,	Warren,
Essex,	Peru,	Washington,
†Fair Haven,	Pittsfield,	Waterford,
Fairlee,	Pomfret,	Waterville,
Fairfax,	Poultney,	Westfield,
Fairfield,	Putney,	Westford,
Fletcher,	Randolph,	West Haven,
Franklin,	Reading,	Westmore,
Georgia,	Readsboro,	Weston,
Grafton,	†Richford,	West Windsor,
Granby,	†Richmond,	Weybridge,
Granville,	Ripton,	Wheelock,
Greensboro,	Rochester,	Whitingham,
Groton,	†Rockingham,	Wilmington,
Guildhall,	Royalton,	Windham,
†Guilford,	Ryegate,	Woodbury,—113.
Hardwick,	Salisbury,	

With state aid 101.

Without state aid 12.

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City,) and makes annual appropriation for its support.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Bennington,	Burlington,	Springfield,—3.
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CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Bethel,	Pittsford,	West Rutland,
Maidstone,	Rutland,	Windsor,—10.
Morristown,	Wallingford,	
Newbury,	Weathersfield,	

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Bakersfield,	Danby,	St. Johnsbury,
Brandon,	Hartford,	Ludlow,
Charleston,	Montpelier,	Woodstock,
Charlotte,	Newfane,	Thetford,—14.
Craftsbury,	Peacham,	

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

Albany,	Brookline,	*Dummerston,
*Arlington,	Brownington,	Duxbury,
Baltimore,	Brunswick,	East Haven,
*Barre,	*Burke,	*East Montpelier,
Barre (Town of),	*Calais,	Eden,
Belvidere,	Clarendon,	Elmore,
Berkshire,	Colchester,	Fayston,
Berlin,	*Corinth,	Ferrisburg,
Bloomfield,	*Cornwall,	Glastenbury,
Bolton,	*Coventry,	Glover,
*Bradford,	*Danville,	Goshen,
Bridgewater,	Derby,	*Grand Isle,
Bridport,	*Dorset,	Halifax,
*Brookfield,	Dover,	Hancock,

Holland,	North Hero,	Stratton,
Hubbardton,	Norton,	Sudbury,
Huntington,	*Norwich,	Tinmouth,
*Ira,	Panton,	Topsham,
Irasburgh,	Plainfield,	Troy,
Jamaica,	*Plymouth,	Tunbridge,
Jay,	Pownal,	*Vergennes,
Leicester,	*Proctor,	Vernon,
Lemington,	Roxbury,	Waltham,
*Londonderry,	Rupert,	*Waterbury,
Lowell,	Rutland (Town of),	Wells,
*Manchester,	St. George,	West Fairlee,
Marlboro,	Sandgate,	Westminster,
Mendon,	Searsburg,	*Whiting,
*Middlebury,	*Shaftsbury,	*Williamstown,
Middlesex,	Sheffield,	Williston,
Monkton,	Sherburne,	Winhall,
Moretown,	Shrewsbury,	Wolcott,
Morgan,	Somerset,	Woodford,
Mt. Holly,	South Burlington,	Worcester,—106.
Mt. Tabor,	Stannard,	
*Newark,	Starksboro,	

Towns without libraries, 79. Towns having libraries which are not free, 27.

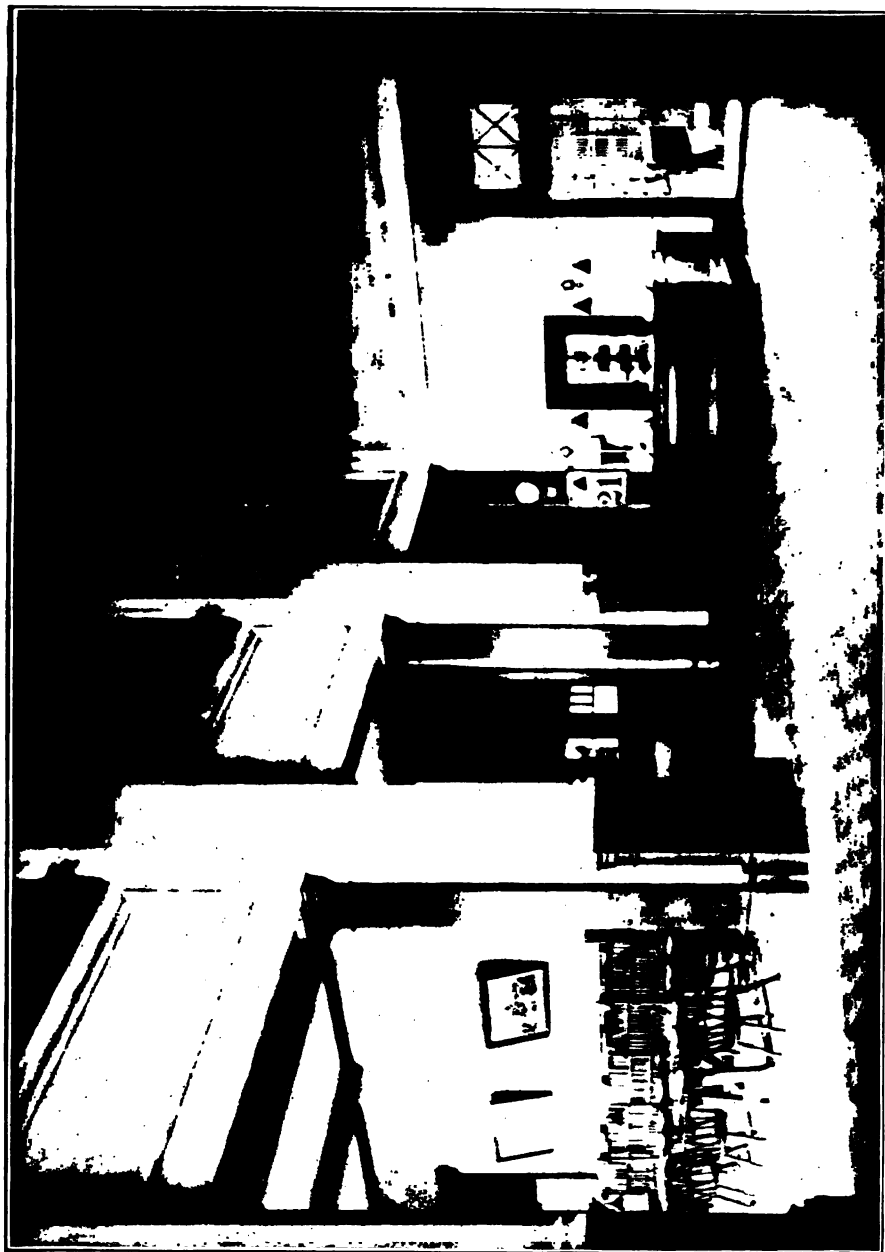
CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

Arlington,	Irasburg,	Starksboro,
Burke,	Jamaica,	South Woodstock,
Colchester,	Kirby,	South Ryegate,
Coventry,	Lincoln,	Stamford,
Danville,	Lyndonville,	Tinmouth,
Dummerston,	Lowell,	Vernon,
East Berkshire,	Milton,	Waterbury Center,
East Montpelier,	North Bridgewater,	Wells,
East Hardwick,	North Danville,	West Berlin,
Eden,	Pittsford,	Westminster,
Georgia,	Reading,	Williamstown,
Glover,	Rochester,	Winhall,
Greensboro Bend,	Stannard,	Worcester.

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

Arlington.—*Arlington Circulating Library.*—The Arlington circulating library was established in April, 1899, through the efforts of some ladies interested in library work. It has not been incorporated as a Free Public Library owned by the town but efforts are being made and



FLETCHER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
SHOWING LIBRARIAN'S DESK, STACK ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

they hope soon to have a regular library. They have over three hundred books which are augmented by the traveling libraries. The books are accessible every day in the week excepting Sunday.

Burlington.—*The Fletcher Free Library.* Burlington must be written down once more as favored in her public institutions. She came near being distanced in respect to her public library by several places in Vermont of much less note. Her large and rich collection of books has hitherto been housed in an old abandoned court house, where they were neither safe nor accessible, nor in reputable environment. Some years ago Mr. Carnegie visited Burlington and was greatly impressed by it, and an appeal from his hostess on that occasion, brought from him the prompt offer of \$50,000 for a library building, on condition that the city would annually appropriate \$5,000 for its maintenance. To this sum of \$50,000 the city has added \$20,000 and now has a library building which it can show to strangers without shame, and where its 35,000 volumes can be housed, and shelved, and handled with all modern facilities at command. The dedication took place on the evening of the 17th of August, in the presence of a large audience in which were many representatives of other libraries of the state. The principal address was made by Dr. James N. Canfield, librarian of Columbia University in New York City. The value of a public library in a community was brilliantly set forth, with arguments and illustrations, drawn from a large acquaintance with books, and an educational experience of wide range. A city which has a good library is a "miracle city" in which every day is wrought the wonder-working power of dead paper and dead type becoming a living force, creating thought, imagination and will, and vitalizing innumerable lives which otherwise were dull inert clods. The companionships which a library introduces into a community are among its richest treasures. Imagine Mr. Lowell coming to live in our community, walking our streets, living as our neighbor, sitting on our piazza, talking to our children. We should all get from his presence and influence some culture, some touch of refinement, some broadening of mental horizon. A library does actually bring among us Mr. Lowell and a hundred other great and potent and charming men to be our fellow citizens, our guides, philosophers and friends. A library is the promoter and guardian of a town democracy. In order to have and maintain what we call free institutions we must make every man not only an independent thinker, but a right thinker; for only in making the wisest thoughts of the wisest men the common possession of all men, can we have a sane social order and a sound political community.

The citizens of Burlington can now receive the congratulations of the many other towns and villages of Vermont, which have preceded them in having creditable public library buildings and can with good grace hope and pray that their good fortune may be shared by still others, and some liberal soul may be stirred to do for every town in Vermont, what, within a very few years, has been done for a large number of them.

Charlotte.—The Breezy Point Library Association was formed in 1899 by thirteen young women of Charlotte, who gave a play entitled Breezy Point to secure funds for starting a public library. In default of a hall, the play was given in the Methodist Episcopal church, no longer used

for church services. It was so successful a performance that it was repeated in an adjoining town. Other plays and socials have been given at different times, and the library which was favorably situated in the town clerk's office, has been well patronized. In May, 1903, we bought the old Methodist church in which we have always given our plays and in which we earned the money to start our library. In August we dedicated the building, now Library Hall, by repeating our first play, Breezy Point.

The three basement rooms were in a very dilapidated condition. Last fall we slated the roof and repaired these three rooms so that now we have a library room ceiled in hardwood, a large room for suppers and socials, and a kitchen. We also have a very pretty drop curtain, scenery and flies.

Last December we gave a reception for the townspeople in our new rooms, with a literary program including a history of the old building and a review of the work done by the thirteen ladies who formed the Library Association.

We paid for the building, as it was, \$600, and spent for repairs \$400. We paid cash for the building and repairs by borrowing \$200, and we spend something each month for new books. We have now 500 volumes.

We hope soon to be able to purchase a piano for the hall and furniture for our kitchen and social room. In April, 1904, we had a mock trial which netted us \$35. We have every reason to feel encouraged, and I hope this brief report may stimulate some other town to start a library. Our township of 1400 inhabitants covers a wide territory and the village which is the center of our activities is a very small community.

Danby.—*Danby Free Library.*—The Danby Free library was established about 1880. It is at present in a private dwelling but there are hopes of having a good suitable building soon, the library having received a gift for that purpose from the late Hon. S. L. Griffith. There are between seven and eight hundred books.

Lunenburg.—In the spring of 1903 the sum of \$2,000 was given the town by the will of Alden Balch, for a new library building. At a special town meeting \$500 additional was voted for the same purpose and the building was begun in September 1903. It was completed in August, 1904 and dedicated August 26th.

It is a beautiful little building, made after the design of the library at Norwich, but a foot and a half larger each way and a foot higher. The walls are finished in pulp plaster, and painted Nile green with a handsome border of soft colors. The woodwork is of white cypress; the floors of hardwood filled and varnished to match the casings.

The furniture of oak is the best library furniture; two tables, each five and one-half feet long, and twelve chairs for the reading room; a magazine rack; a newspaper rack; a handsome desk and chair for the bookroom where we have adjustable shelving; in all \$300 worth of furniture.

The building has a good cellar and is heated by a furnace. It stands on a sloping lawn surrounded by handsome maples.

Miss Ellen B. White, a student in the library school of Simmons College has prepared a card catalogue of the books which now number nearly 1100.



KIMBALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—RANDOLPH.

Several kind friends are giving us a year's subscription to McClure's Magazine, Pearsons', Munsey and two or three other publications for the reading room. We need more things to make the rooms look prettier and more cosy such as rugs, settees and easy chairs. I hope in time we may have them, but as far as we have gone everything is of the best.

The following account of the dedication is from the Essex County Herald of September 2nd.

"The long talked of dedication of the Alden Balch Memorial Library occurred last Friday afternoon. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, many having to remain outside. The exercises commenced with music by the male quartette, followed with prayer by Rev. C. W. Kelley. Franklin Bell then gave a short talk on the pre-historic age of our library. Prof. S. W. Landon, who was expected, was unable to be present owing to illness. Franklin D. Hale next gave an informal talk on the influence of books in a community, and complimented the builders on the success of their work. Hon. Elden Hartshorn, formerly of this town, but now of Washington, D. C., gave a very interesting talk on libraries and their usefulness in any community, and expressed his pleasure at finding so beautiful a building in his native town. Mrs. Barber kindly sang a solo which all were glad to hear. Rev. Mr. Jennings spoke on town loyalty to the public library and said he hoped it had been built for use and not to be shut up. Rev. Mr. Kelley gave a short talk on the good work that a library ought to accomplish in a town. Then M. V. B. Vance in behalf of the builders presented the keys, arranged on a basket of beautiful pansies, and the four keys were attached to four ribbons, two of yellow and two of white, and the effect was very pretty. The exercises closed with America by the audience. Mr. Jennings in his remarks called the building "a gem on our beautiful hillside." The inside of the building was tastefully decorated in yellow and white, with phlox, golden glow and palms. A large picture of the giver of the building, Alden Balch, hangs in the reading room."

Moretown.—Moretown Library Association started May 1904. Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) was raised by subscription for the purchase of books, and it is the intention to make the library free and apply for state aid next March.

Pawlet.—*Pawlet Public Library.*—On December 15, 1902, a small sum was donated to the object of a free library by the C. E. Society of the First Congregational church of Pawlet. At the town meeting March, 1903, it was voted to donate fifty dollars to the library committee elected at that meeting, after which aid was applied for from the state and one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of books were given. There are now about five hundred books in a building furnished free for the purpose, and the library is open from ten a. m. to five p. m. every day except Sunday. A regular librarian has been appointed and the outlook for the library is very hopeful.

Randolph.—At the annual March meeting in 1896 the town of Randolph elected five library trustees—N. J. Whitehill, Wm. H. DuBois, J. W. Fargo, John B. Goodrich and John F. Mead—and appropriated one hundred dollars for the maintenance of a public library. The State aid of one hundred dollars was thus made available. At the first meeting of the

trustees, May 1, 1896, N. J. Whitehill was chosen president, John F. Mead vice-president and Wm. H. DuBois secretary and treasurer. It was voted that the library should be called the Randolph Public Library and rooms were secured in Dubois & Gay's block. Miss Maud Blanchard was chosen librarian and she continued to serve in that capacity till the summer of 1903. In September, 1896, 135 volumes were received through State aid and on November 14 of that year the library was opened for the delivery of books. By the next March meeting the library had grown, by purchase and gifts from the King's Daughters, the Ladies' Book Club, and various individuals, to 573 volumes. During the next year the number increased to 787. In December 1898 the Ladies' Library Association, which had long supplied its members' demand for reading matter, unanimously voted to donate to the Public Library its 1500 volumes. This generous gift was accepted and all the books, numbering 2,544, were re-catalogued. During the next three years 528 new books were added.

Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker, who died November 29, 1899, left by will to the library as residuary legatee about \$3,500. At a meeting of the trustees held October 3, 1902, it was voted to use all of the Sarah Jane Crocker fund except \$2,000 for the purchase of new books. It was voted at the same time that the \$2,000 should be kept as an endowment fund. About 1,900 volumes were purchased at this time and the library now, January 1, 1904, contains 5,300 volumes. Three of the original trustees still remain on the board. Prof. Whitehill and Mr. Goodrich removed from town and their places were filled by Homer White and A. G. Osgood. The latter has since been succeeded by Foster G. Sprague. Miss Anne L. DuBois is librarian.

October 1, 1901, Col. Robert J. Kimball offered to give \$10,000 for the construction of a library building. The village of Randolph purchased a site on Main street, opposite the schoolhouse at a cost of \$3,000. At a special town meeting November 30, 1901, both the site and Colonel Kimball's offer were accepted and the trustees were instructed to construct the library building. Work was begun in the spring of 1902 and the building completed in time to be dedicated February 24, 1903.

The library building is sixty feet long on the street with a width of thirty-five feet. It is solidly built of red pressed brick, trimmed with brown Longmeadow, Mass., sandstone, and is surmounted by a copper-sheathed dome. The facade, which looks down School street, is ornamented about the entrance with carved stone and above the doors in bronze letters is the name of the building, "Kimball Public Library." The steps which lead up to the entrance are of marble with heavy blocks of the same stone on either side. The marble used on the outside and the marble and fine wood finish of the inside are all products of Vermont and cannot be excelled. As one enters the front doorway he finds himself in a vestibule wainscoted with verd antique marble. This passage opens into the wide delivery hall which passes through the center of the building. At the farther end of the hall is a large brick fireplace and mantel, above which hangs a fine, life-size portrait in oil, of Colonel Kimball. The wainscoting of the delivery hall is of clouded white marble with a base and rail of darker colored marble. To the right and left the hall opens through wide

passages, between handsome pillars with bronzed Ionic capitals, into large rooms—the reading room and a reference library room on the right, and the stack room and the reception room on the left. The walls of the hall above the wainscoting are painted a dark red and the ceiling is handsomely frescoed in lighter colors. The wainscoting, floors, doors, case-ments and frieze of the other rooms, are of red birch, beautifully grained and highly polished, while the walls are painted a dark green, except in the reception room where the walls are a yellowish brown. On the left of the vestibule, as you enter it, is an elegant lavatory, while on the right is the stairway leading to the basement, and over it the stairs to the third floor, where there is an abundance of room which may be utilized in the future. The furniture of heavy, antique finished oak and costing \$2,000 was also a gift from Colonel Kimball, who also paid for the architect's plans and oversight, besides making some costly additions to and improvements of the original design. Altogether the cost, to the donor, of the building furnished and complete, with stacks for the books, was over \$17,000.

Weathersfield.—Proctor Library is located in the village of Ascutneville in the town of Weathersfield. The building was given to the town by Hon. B. F. Blood of Waltham, Mass., in memory of his mother, Roxalana (Proctor) Blood, an old resident.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings and is finished in oak. It is in the form of a maltese cross, the main room called the book-room running through the centre and including two opposite arms of the cross. At the rear is a very neat little reading room, and in front, a vestibule and entrance. The furniture which is of quartered oak is the gift of Mr. Blood in memory of two cousins, Mrs. Elvira (Preston) Murray and Miss Esther Proctor.

There are about 750 books in the library, a portion given to the town by an old library association, and a large share of the remainder purchased with funds given by the descendants of Rev. James Converse who for fifty years was pastor at Weathersfield Centre.

The books are catalogued and classified in a very up-to-date method and the Browne system of charging is employed. The building was very fittingly dedicated on June 2, 1903, and was opened to the public soon after.

Beside this library, Mr. Blood has also built libraries in the towns of Brownsville and Windsor.

Windsor.—Windsor's new library building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24. The exercises were held in the town hall, which was handsomely decorated, and were enjoyed by a large audience. The exercises, presided over by Marsh O. Perkins, opened with music by the band and an invocation by Rev. P. J. Robinson, pastor of All Soul's church. The presentation speech was read by Gilbert A. Davis for Mr. Benjamin F. Blood, the donor of the building, now in his 82nd year. A happy response was made by Sherman Evarts, a son of the late Senator William M. Evarts. An eloquent address was given by Isaiah R. Clark, the son of the late Dr. Ripley Clark of Windsor, and a well known Boston attorney. Congratulatory words were also spoken by Rev. E. H. Roberts, pastor of the Methodist church in Brownsville. The exercises

closed with the singing of America by the audience, led by the quartet, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Roberts. Then followed a pleasant reception to Mr. Blood in the library building, during which the band gave an open air concert on the common.

The building is one story high, and is 60 feet by 28, with an annex, 26 feet by 16, in the rear for the librarian's room. It is covered with the finest Maine slate, and has a commodious basement, well lighted and conveniently arranged for storage, furnace and toilet purposes. The solid foundations are of Ascutney granite, the walls of red brick, and the base, cornices and all exterior trimmings of Fitchburg granite. The porch in front is made of the same granite, and has "WINDSOR LIBRARY" carved in the stone of the straight arch above the steps, the approach to which is a handsome cement walk. On the left of the vestibuled entrance, with its tiled floor, is a bronze cast of Mr. Blood, and a tablet bearing the date and place of his birth together with the inscription:

"This building was erected by Benjamin F. Blood, of Waltham, Mass., A. D. 1903 and by him presented to be forever used as a public library. A former citizen of Windsor, by industry and ability he accumulated a fortune, and this he dedicated to the best interests of the descendants of his early associates and provided for them church, school, and library advantages."

The library room occupies the entire floor of the main building, and is 21 feet in height in the clear. The floor is of red birch. The ceiling is finished in white cypress, all other interior finish of the building being of white, quartered oak. The room has a large, open fire-place at each end, with plate glass mirrors above the mantels, and is lighted by gas and electricity. The book stacks extend into the room from the front and rear walls, and are easily accessible. The librarian's desk is in the centre and opposite the front entrance, while behind it are doors opening into the librarian's room and a hallway leading to the rear entrance and basement. In front of each fire-place is a long, oak reading table, which with up-to-date furniture goes to make up a thoroughly equipped and well appointed library. Brite & Bacon of New York were the architects of the building, which cost a little over \$16,000. The builders were Wiley & Foss of Fitchburg, Mass., and the building committee, Messrs. Stanley R. Bryant, Horace P. McClary and Charles H. Fitch.

Mr. Benjamin F. Blood, who thus gives the building to the people of Windsor, was born in West Windsor, November 18, 1822, one of seven children born to Nathaniel and Roxana Proctor Blood. His advantages for schooling in early life were limited, but he has since acquired a liberal education by reading, travel and observation. A farmer by profession, he was superintendent of the Evarts' farm in Windsor from 1857 to 1871. Since then he has made his home in Waltham, Mass. He has been twice married, and by his first wife, Lavinia Gates of Windsor, had four sons and a daughter, all of whom with their mother have passed hence. His second wife was Mrs. Laura Hubbard Kendall of Windsor, who died in Waltham in 1895. A few years since, Mr. Blood gave a library building to West Windsor in memory of his daughter, and a little later he presented to the people of Weathersfield the Proctor Memorial library at Ascutneyville in memory of his mother. His latest public beneficence will be an honored, lasting memorial of his own life and munificence.



KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY—RANDOLPH.
DELIVERY HALL. STACK ROOM ON THE LEFT.

LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SEC. 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars. The selectmen of such town shall annually, in the month of September draw an order on the treasurer of the town, payable to the trustees of the library, for the amount of such appropriation without any vote of the town authorizing them to do so and without any vote of the town voting to raise such sum.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer, payable to said commissioners, for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners, unless he be its secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend not exceeding eight hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books, not more than five hundred dollars of which sum may be used for the employment and expenses of a secretary whom they shall select and who may be of their own number; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise

provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be

capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the

inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

NO. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.

NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.

SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the full management and control of said libraries at all times, and shall make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

NO. 44.—AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2982 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. Section 2982 of the Vermont Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2982. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

Approved November 21, 1900.

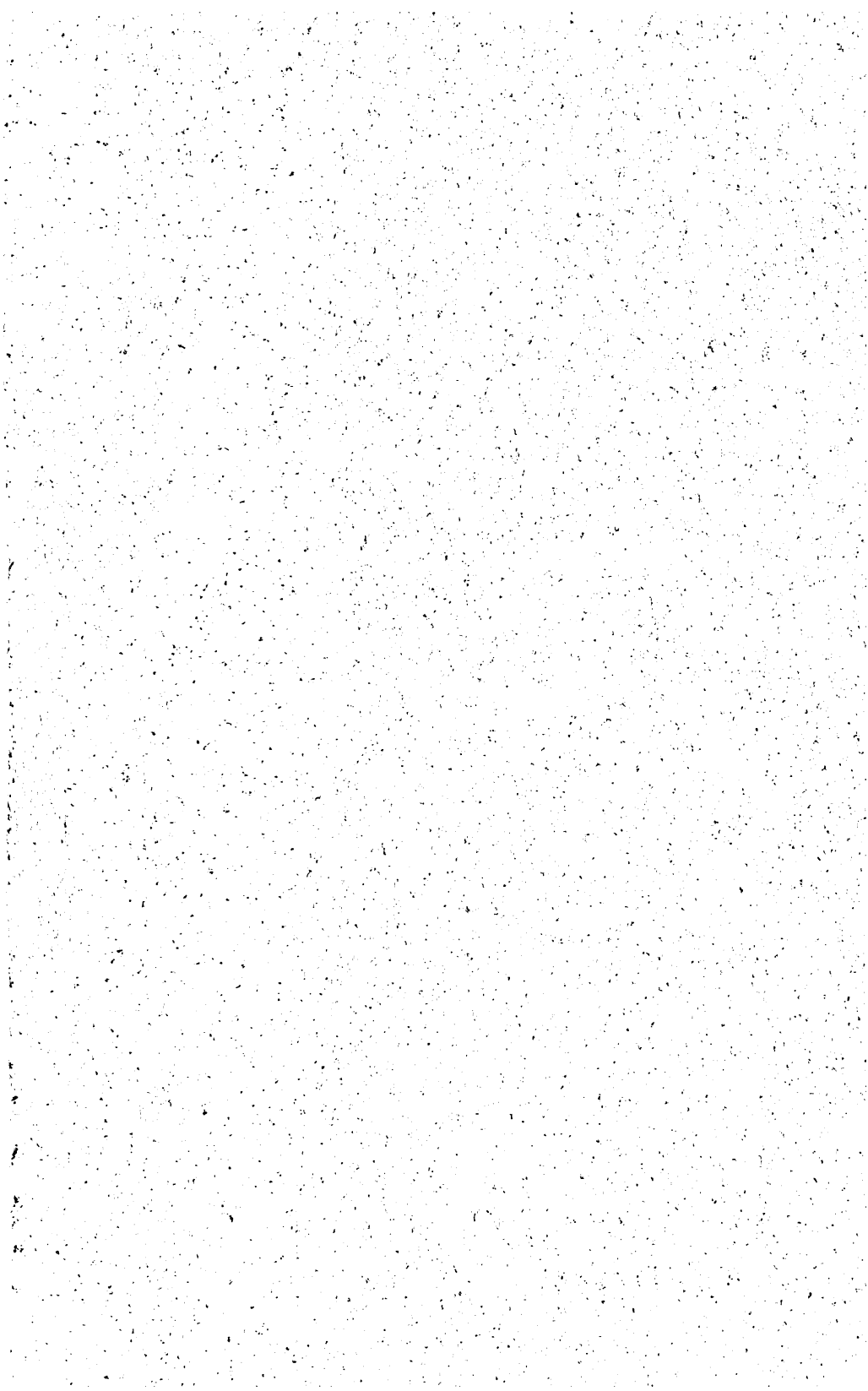
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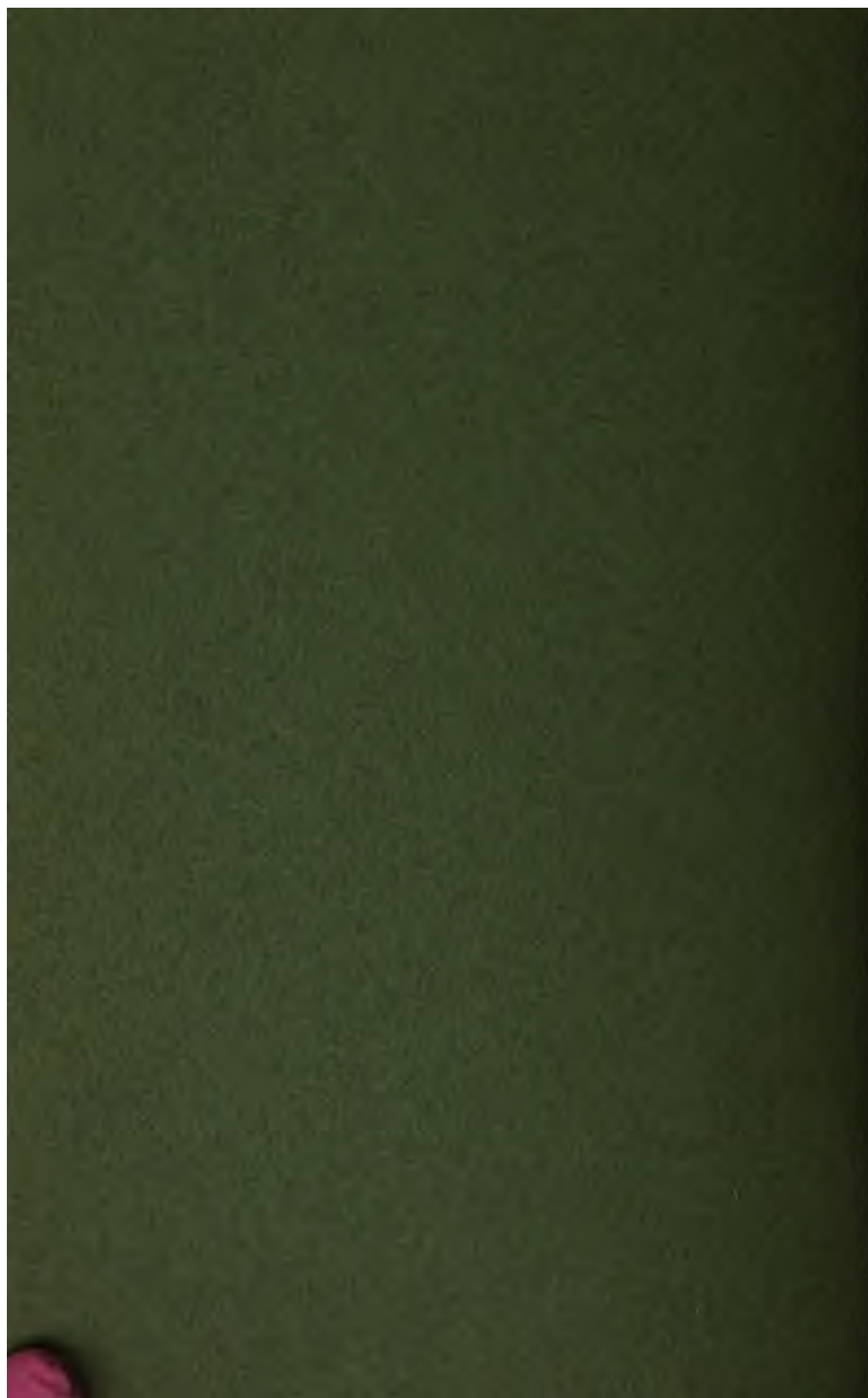
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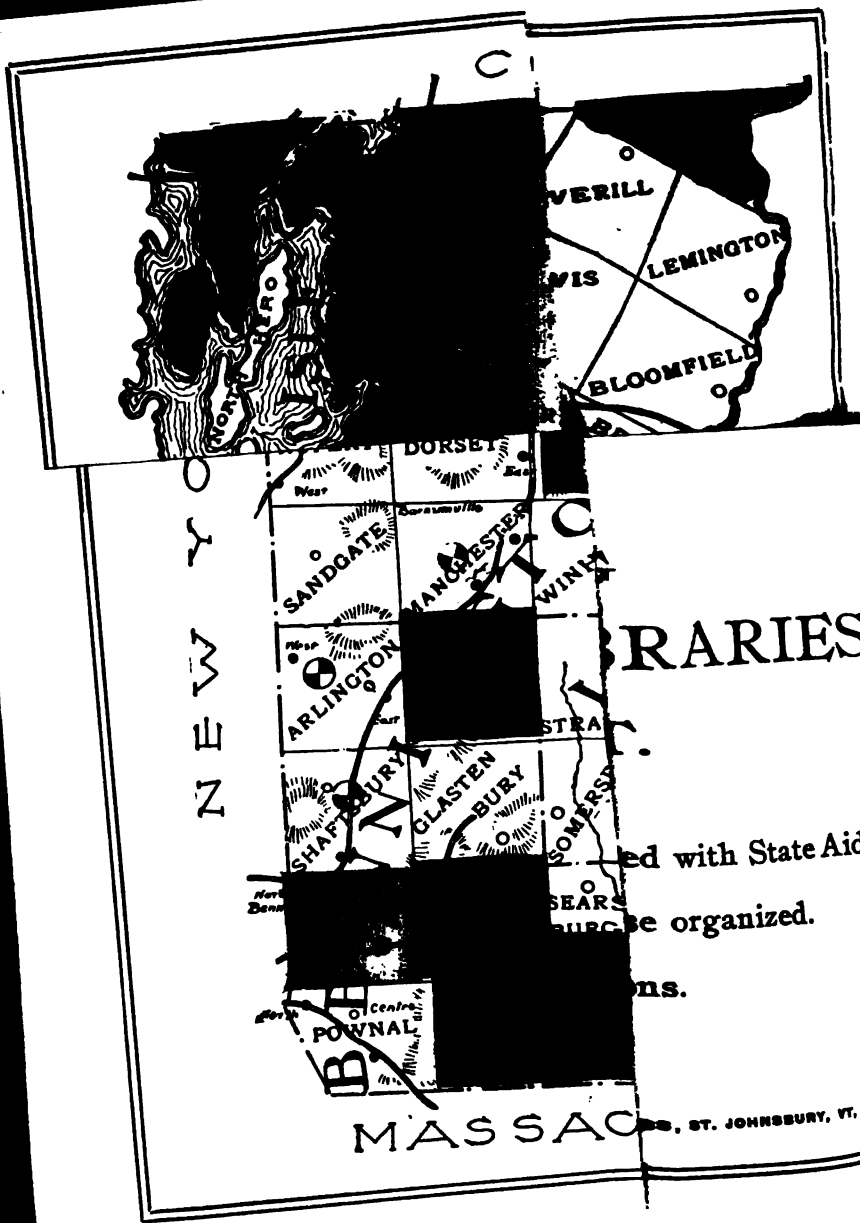




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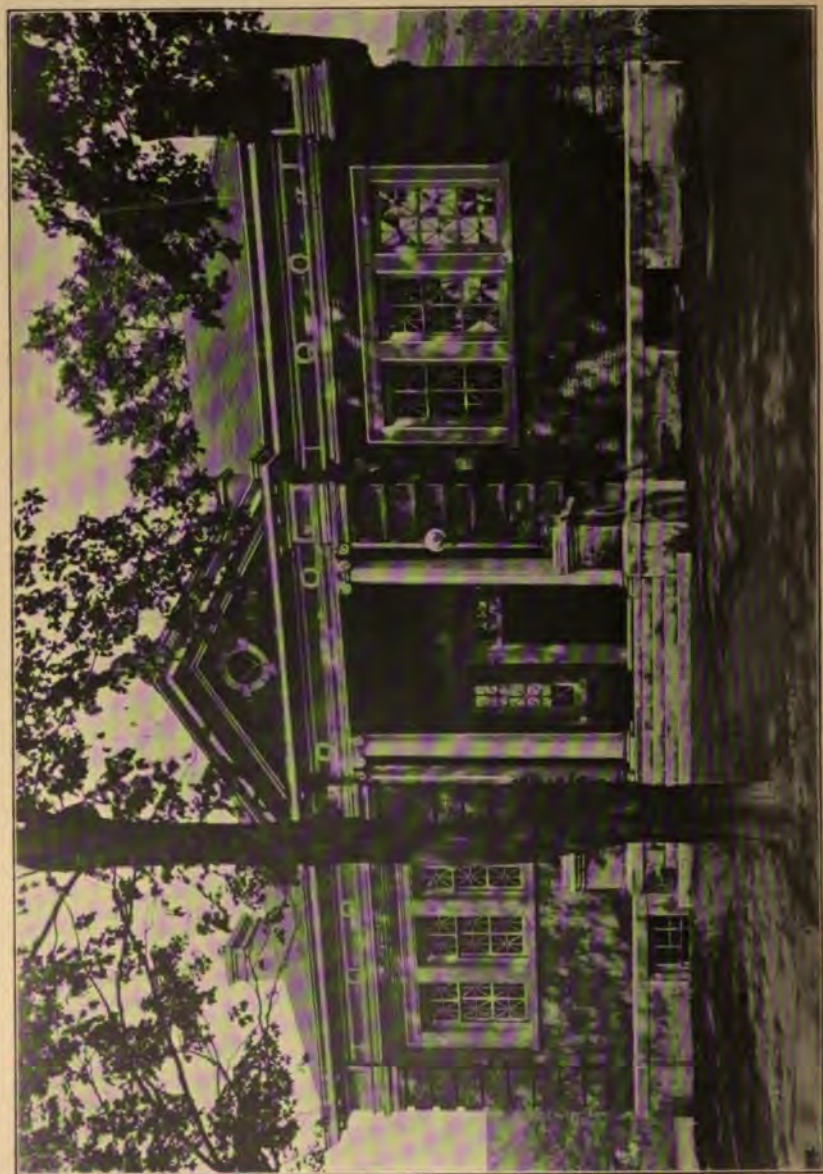


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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its sixth Biennial Report for the term ending June 30, 1906.

The act creating the Commission was passed by the Legislature of 1894. Since that date several acts have been passed amending the law of the State. The laws as they now stand relating to the establishment of Free Public Libraries and the system of Traveling Libraries are printed elsewhere in this report.

The work of the Library Commission during the past two years has, it is believed, proven helpful in stimulating interest in the establishment of free libraries and in a large measure the Commission has increased its usefulness and has broadened the sphere of its activities wherever an opportunity has been presented.

The towns of Cornwall, Moretown, Sheffield, Vernon, Waterbury, West Fairlee and Williston have opened Free Public Libraries and have been furnished in each instance with \$100 worth of books, purchased by the Commission with the appropriation made for that purpose. The town of Burke has also voted to maintain a library, and will receive State aid as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be made.

There are still many towns in the State that could to advantage establish free libraries, and it is gratifying to note that public sentiment in several of these communities, where at present there are no library facilities, is being aroused to the educational value of maintaining such an institution.

At no time since the enactment of the law providing for the maintenance of a traveling library system has the demand for traveling libraries been as general as during the past two years. For a detailed account and report on this phase of the work your attention is directed to the special report appearing herewith.

The board now has a permanent office at the State House in Montpelier from which headquarters the work of the commission is directed. The securing of a permanent location for the office of the board is most beneficial and will permit of a more systematic and effective administration of the work.

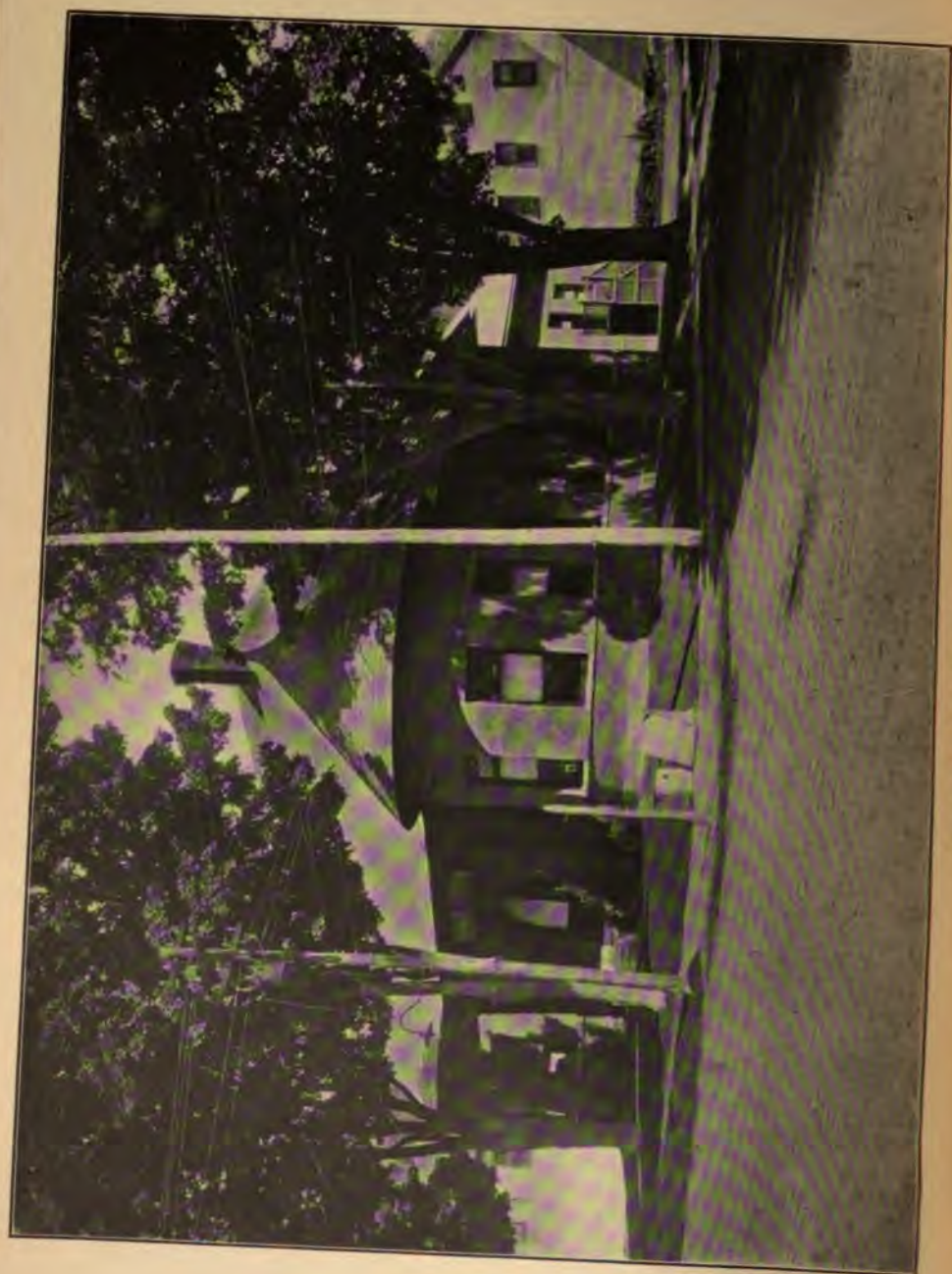
Owing to the resignation in October, 1904, of Mr. S. W. Landon, who from the time the board was constituted in 1895 had acted as chairman, and had brought to the work a service of the highest order, the Governor appointed Mr. Hale K. Darling of Chelsea a member of the commission. In November, 1904, Mr. Clarke C. Fitts, who had been chairman of the commission since the resignation of Mr. Landon, resigned, and Mr. Edward M. Goddard of Montpelier was appointed in his place as a member of the commission, and the Governor designated Mr. Darling as chairman, in which capacity he served until his resignation from the commission in September, 1905, when Mr. Wm. H. DuBois of Randolph was appointed to succeed him, and the Governor designated Mr. Goddard to act as chairman.

The publication of a quarterly bulletin was begun in 1905 and four numbers have been issued. The object of the Bulletin is to furnish information bearing upon library work in the State and to supply a medium of communication between the librarians of the State and the commission. It has been found that the Bulletin is welcomed by those who receive it and it is the intention of the commission to continue its publication during the coming term. Any person in the State interested in library work can secure copies of the Bulletin and Report by making application to the secretary of the commission.

To assist librarians in making their selection of books it has been deemed best to supply each public library in the State with a copy of the A. L. A. Book-List, which is issued eight times a year by the publishing board of the American Library Association. This list takes the place of the annual lists that were formerly issued by the commission and is far better in every way and has met with general approval by the librarians who have received it.

The commission has also subscribed to about forty copies of the publication known as "Public Libraries," and has sent the same free of charge to such libraries in the State as particularly needed the assistance of such a journal. It is hoped that in the future the number of libraries receiving this publication may be materially increased.

To help public libraries to build up reference collections of magazines the commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. Librarians are urged to make a collection of magazines in their towns and to send duplicates of any magazines they do not



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need to the commission, which in turn sends to the libraries volumes or single numbers needed to complete sets. The commission pays transportation on all material received, and the libraries are expected to pay transportation on all magazines sent them. Through this agency many volumes of valuable magazines have been added to the libraries of the State at a very small expense.

During the past two years several towns in the State have been presented with library buildings, making it possible in many of the communities so favored to materially increase the service given by the library, and the commission is pleased to note that at no period since its organization have so many buildings been erected for library purposes.

At Derby, Col. and Mrs. Haskell have presented to the town a handsome building well suited for its purpose. Fair Haven has received and accepted the gift of a library building from Mr. Carnegie. Northfield has recently dedicated a building, the gift of Mr. George Brown. Norwich University has received from Mr. Carnegie a gift of \$50,000 for the erection of a building which is nearly ready for occupancy. Lyndonville, through the beneficence of a resident of that town, Mr. Eber Cobleigh, has received the gift of a most acceptable building. South Pomfret, one of the first towns in the State to take advantage of the library law and which has built up a good town library, has been presented by a former resident of the place, Judge Ira Abbott of New Mexico, with a most attractive building for library purposes. Shoreham has had presented to it by Mrs. Mary Mixer Platt a splendid library building in memory of her husband, Dr. William N. Platt. Mr. Lyman Pettee, formerly a resident of Wilmington, has given to that town a very attractive building to be used for the public library, which was instituted with State aid in 1895. White River Junction, through Mr. Amos Barnes of Boston, has recently received a fund for the construction of a library building in that place.

It is with much satisfaction that we record the above gifts for library purposes, and trust that the spirit that has prompted these various gifts may in the future be the means of providing for many other town libraries that are still in need of suitable buildings in which to carry on library work.

Your attention is directed to the tabulated report of gifts to libraries during the past two years. This list shows that there is a live interest in public library work in the State. Many of the gifts

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have enabled struggling libraries to extend and continue their work. The use of libraries by the scholars of our public schools is increasing, and as library facilities expand this use will certainly become more general. No branch of library activity is of more importance than its relation to the educational work of the State, and we hope to extend the use of the traveling libraries in schools, for which purpose several collections have been made and can be secured for school use by application to the secretary of the commission.

The commission desires to publicly acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a gift of \$45.00 from the Bennington Fortnightly Club for the purpose of purchasing books for a traveling library. The library has been selected and is ready for use. In addition to the above gift acknowledgement is also made of the receipt of \$10.00 from the Woman's Club of Brattleboro for the specific purpose of furthering library interests in the county of Windham. This money has been expended by the commission for subscriptions to copies of "Public Libraries," which have been sent to the librarians of libraries in Windham county.

The commission has also received and distributed on application several sets of encyclopædias and magazines. Gifts of this nature are extremely welcome and are a source of much satisfaction to the libraries obtaining the same.

The success which has attended the work of the commission is a matter of congratulation so far as the educational interests of the State are concerned, and it is hoped that its future enlargement and maintenance may in no way be impaired. There is a constantly increasing demand for the facilities offered by our public libraries, and it is our earnest hope that the day is not far distant when this commission will be able to report that every town in the State has been reached. It is our conviction that when the taxpayers of the towns now destitute of library privileges come to understand the great importance of the public library as a means of culture and education, they will arise to the occasion and assist in establishing in their midst that great aid to good citizenship which should ever be considered the chief glory of an enlightened republic.

EDWARD M. GODDARD,
Chairman.

REPORT OF TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

One of the products of the twentieth century in Vermont is the traveling library system. We have nearly completed six years of the work which came into the hands of the Free Public Library Commission from the Federation of Women's Clubs in the year 1900. It has passed the experimental stage and is now established as a permanent and potent factor in the educational work of the State.

We began with libraries of thirty volumes each. They gradually grew in size to fifty volumes. Of late, we are putting about forty volumes into each case, as that number seems to satisfy more communities than either the smaller or larger list.

At first, we had only general libraries. That is, libraries containing about one-third adult fiction; one-third children's books; and one-third books on miscellaneous subjects including one or two volumes of poetry, nature books, biography, essays, cook books, travel and whatever else was available which would be popular.

We tried introducing into some libraries groups of books on some one subject, so as to encourage consecutive reading on some themes. This has not been especially successful. We think it needs to be followed up by visits to the stations to arouse an interest in the librarians at least.

Every year, however, there come demands for groups of books on special subjects which we usually are able to supply. If the group includes ten or more volumes, we make a special library of them; if less, they are added to the general reserve library. In the past two years, we have purchased libraries on Japan, Scotland, Renaissance Period, one special high school library and added to the New York, Washington, and India collections. We are gathering together as our means permit an art library, which shall include standard works on architecture, sculpture and painting. This collection will not be made up into a separate library, but volumes will be loaned from it to meet special needs.

We have catalogs of our libraries printed with brief annotations to be distributed throughout the community. These are designed to arouse interest and aid in making at home a selection of books desired.

Our school libraries have not been sought as we expected they

would be. We attribute this in part, at least, to the fact that we decided to make the experiment of including little or no fiction in these libraries. They are designed to be placed in the schoolroom and used there or loaned to pupils or their parents for home use. These libraries are not hard and fast in their make-up. They can be changed to meet the needs of any community. We are quite willing to include some fiction if the teachers so desire, and we hope this branch of the work may grow as it deserves to do.

We have prepared a book-mark a fac-simile of which will be found on the following page. These are placed in every volume that goes out and we trust may remind some of the proper attitude toward their friends, the books. In justice to the children, let me say they are not the principal transgressors.

Perhaps a word as to the sort of reading most popular in a traveling library may be of interest. As is to be expected, fiction and books for children are far in the lead. Oftentimes, fiction intended for the older youth, will much exceed anything else in the library in circulation, not because this class of readers is largely in excess of any other but because old and young like the children's books. Volumes of short stories are not so popular as one long story. Dialect stories and the psychological novel receive but little attention. Few care for poetry. Biography always finds a few readers, while such biography as *Up from Slavery* or *Making of an American* rivals fiction in circulation.

One might expect in a rural state like Vermont, that popular volumes relating to agriculture in some of its many forms would be in demand. We have numerous excellent and attractive books of this kind, but they are seldom taken out of the library. Either the farmers "know it all" or what is more likely, they desire a change of subject. In many cases, it is probable they never know the books are available. Books which might be called in a sense books of reference like cook books, books on entertainments, basket making, studies of the trees in winter, in general nature books for adults find few borrowers. Books classed in sociology are much read. The Riis books are always in demand and Wyckoff and Flynt go frequently to the bindery. Travel and adventure find ready readers, especially books on the Philippines, Hawaii, Japan and Russia. While in some localities the later fiction is called for, there are still places which prefer the *Virginians*, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Little Women* and *Robinson Crusoe*. One station distinguished



INTERIOR OF ALDEN SPEARE LIBRARY, CHELSEA.



THE BOOK'S
APPEAL TO
The READER

"Please don't handle me with dirty hands.

Or leave me out in the rain.

Or make marks on me with your pen or pencil.

Or lean on me with your elbows when reading me.

Or open me and lay me face-down on the table.

Or let me fall on the floor.

Or put in between my leaves a pencil or matches or anything thicker than a single sheet of thin paper.



I
AM
YOUR
BOOK MARK

The Free Public
Library Commission
of Vermont sends me
to keep your place
for you.



"The reader who keeps a new book clean and whole adds to the sum of human happiness and shows a wholesome respect for the rights and pleasures of others."

itself by reading more of the miscellaneous classed books than either fiction or juveniles. As a rule, the most remote and backwoods settlements read the best books; it is the larger villages that want the light fiction. Art and literature find but few votaries except in study clubs, though one farmer reported that he had enjoyed Thoreau's *Walden* more than any other book he had ever read. Books on animals are always read while books on plants often are not. Books, even fiction, with tragedy or having a sad ending, are shunned and condemned. "Funny Books" are greatly appreciated. We desire to put into the libraries the very best books which will find a reading. We find the cover and general make-up of the book go quite as far in governing its circulation as the text itself. Large print and good pictures always catch a reader. The children enquire for some book with "big reading," as they call the large print common to many of their books, and the adults, too, like the open page. Books with covers resembling a school book are severely let alone by the children.

Almost without exception people appreciate the privileges of the traveling library. Words of interest, thanks, sympathy and praise are very often expressed. It sometimes seems that there is more interest in the traveling libraries than in the small town libraries. Losses of books are comparatively rare and when they occur are cheerfully paid for.

The librarian of the traveling library makes or mars the success of a library. One station under an efficient librarian had a circulation of over 700 and the best books were read and well cared for. Others fail to get the right books to the right person; the books have a small circulation and often suffer from lack of care.

Money for the purchase of one library was given the commission by the Woman's Club of Bennington in token of appreciation of the good work done in their town by the libraries sent by the commission.

STATISTICS.

Number of Stations, 44.

Number of Stations added the past two years, 35.

Number of Stations dropped the past two years, 15.

Number of Libraries in Sunday Schools, 6.

Circulation of fiction, 6,553.
Circulation of children's books, 5,791.
Circulation of non-fiction, 2,386. Total, 14,730.
Number of general libraries, 43.
Number of school libraries, 6.
Number of special libraries, 8.

SUSAN H. SMITH, for Commission.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont :

We, the undersigned, citizens of.....

.....
hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library, as provided by No.
32, Acts 1900.

We name....., whom
we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary, and
to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating
thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six
months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to
and from....., and to make good any losses or
injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said
library is in our custody.

.....this.....day
of.....A. D. 190.....

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TRAVELING LIBRARY NO. 30.

CATALOG.

- 1 **Abbott, Jacob.** Beechnut; Rodolphus.
Two stories, one about a well trained boy, the other about a boy badly trained.
- 2 **Adams, Andy.** The outlet.
"Graphic account of the great cattle drive of 1884 from Texas to the north-west."
- 3 **Brochner, Jessie.** Danish life in town and country.
A well illustrated and popular account.
- 4 **Brown, Alice.** Paradise.
A New England story with both mirth and pathos.
- 5 **Burnett, Mrs. Frances Hodgson.** Little princess.
A new and enlarged edition of Sara Crewe.
- 6 **Burroughs, John, ed.** Songs of nature.
Selections of short poems.
- 7 **Collingwood, William Gershom.** Life of John Ruskin.
A new and popular edition.
- 8 **Couch, Arthur Thomas Quiller-.** Shining Ferry.
An absorbing tale of life in Cornwall, England.
- 9 **Craik, Mrs Dinah Maria (Mulock).** Brave lady.
The trials of the wife of an English curate.
- 10 **Curtis, William Eleroy.** Modern India.
Of absorbing interest, by an American traveler.
- 11 **Davis, Anna Chase.** Stories of the United States for youngest readers.
From the Indian period to Lincoln.
- 12 **Dickens, Charles.** Bleak House.
A tale of London, of an unending law suit, and a beautiful lady with a mysterious past.
- 13 **Ellis, Elizabeth.** Barbara Winslow, rebel.
A novel of adventure and romance. Time, Monmouth Rebellion in England.
- 14 **Grover, Eulalie Osgood.** Sunbonnet babies' book.
For the youngest readers.
- 15 **Harris, Joel Chandler.** Tar baby and other rhymes.
Uncle Remus tells more funny tales of Brer Rabbit and his companions.
- 16 **Henderson, Charles Hanford.** Education and the larger life.
"The inquiry as to how education can be so applied in America as to best further the progress of civilization."
- 17 **Ingersoll, Ernest.** An island in the air.
"A story of singular adventures in the Mesa country."
- 18 **Knight, William Allen.** St. Abigail of the pines.
An old fisherman's story of his early youth.
- 19 **Lane, Charles Henry.** All about dogs.
"A book for doggy people, with many illustrations."
- 20 **Lane, Elinor Macartney.** Nancy Stair.
A spirited poetess of Scotland and her change of heart.
- 21 **LeGallienne, Richard.** Old love stories retold.
Dante and Beatrice, Aucassin and Nicolette, Shelley and Mary Godwin, Heine and Mathilde, Abelard and Heloise, Keats and Fanny Brawne, and others.
- 22 **London, Jack.** People of the abyss.
The experience of the author in the slums of London.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

- 23 **McCall, Sidney, pseud.** Breath of the gods.
The love stories of the daughter of a U. S. senator, later minister to Japan, and her Japanese school friend. Specially interesting as a picture of Japanese home life.
- 24 **Mason, Mrs. Caroline (Atwater.)** Waxwing.
Showing how one young woman became interested in missions.
- 25 **Moore, Mrs. N. Hudson.** Old furniture book.
"A sketch of past days and ways."
- 26 **Mother Goose's nursery rhymes.**
"Illustrated for children up to the age of eighty."
- 27 **Musset, Paul de.** Mr. Wind and Madam Rain.
A fairy tale from the peasants of Brittany.
- 28 **Our holidays, their meaning and spirit.**
Stories for youth retold from St Nicholas.
- 29 **Peck, Theodora.** Hester of the Grants.
A romance of Bennington, Vt., in the days of Ethan Allen.
- 30 **Peterson, Maud Gridley.** How to know wild fruits.
"A guide to plants when not in flower by means of fruit and leaf."
- 31 **Pier, Arthur Stanwood.** Boys of St. Timothy's.
Stories of boys at a famous boarding school.
- 32 **Private life of the Queen.**
A family portrait by a member of the royal household.
- 33 **Pryor, Mrs. Sara Agnes (Rice).** Mother of Washington and her times.
A biography as entertaining as fiction.
- 34 **Rice, Mrs. Alice Caldwell (Hegan).** Sandy.
The Americanizing of an Irish immigrant boy.
- 35 **Richards, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth (Howe).** Mrs. Tree.
The amusing doings of an eccentric old woman.
- 36 **Richards, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth (Howe.)** Mrs. Tree's will.
A sequel to Mrs. Tree.
- 37 **Riggs, Mrs. Kate Douglas (Wiggin.)** Rose o' the river.
The pretty love story of a log-driver on the Saco river.
- 38 **Roberts, Charles George Douglas.** Red Fox.
"The story of his adventurous career and of his final triumph over his enemies."
- 39 **Ruskin, John.** Little masterpieces.
Selections from the author's best works. See his life above.
- 40 **Smith, Mrs. Mary Prudence (Wells.)** Boy captive of old Deerfield.
Some experiences of a ten year old boy captured by the Indians in 1704.
- 41 **Thomas, Mrs. Theodore.** Our mountain garden.
A charming record of what was accomplished with weeds, wild flowers, shrubs and vines.
- 42 **Wharton, Mrs. Edith.** House of mirth.
A novel of New York society life.
- 43 **Wheeler, Mrs. Candace (Thurber.)** Double darling and the dream spinner.
The stories told a little girl by her watch.
- 44 **White, Eliza Orne.** An only child.
The trials of a little girl without brothers or sisters.
- 45 **White, Mary.** Child's rainy day book.
"Practical knowledge of unusual and interesting home occupations, absorbing and helpful to the young."

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. July, 1906.	NO. VOLS. Added Year.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Addison.....	Addison Free Public Lib.....	1902	Yes	Mrs. H. H. White.....	838	46	Yes	\$ 25.00		
Bridport.....	No library.....									
Bristol.....	Bristol Free Library.....	1902	Yes	Kate I. Stewart.....	1,525	69	Yes	200.00		
Bristol.....	Bristol High School.....				40					
Cornwall.....	Cornwall Free Library.....	1905	Yes	F. D. Manchester.....	1,105	105	Yes	40.00	1000 vol	Gilbert Lane bequest in 1869.
Ferrisburg.....	No library.....									
Goshen.....	Granville Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Beatie M. Hubbard.....	385		Yes	15.00		
Granville.....	No library.....									
Hancock.....	Wide Awake School Lib.....	1892	Yes		100		No			
Leicester.....	Ladies' Aid Society Lib.....	1900	Yes	Mrs. Bert Siple.....	849	49	Yes	25.00		
Lincoln.....	Ladies' Library.....	1868	No		5,660		No		\$ 350.00	
Lincoln.....	Middlebury College Lib.....	1800			31,000	400	No		\$ 12.50	For building given by Egbert Starr.
Middlebury.....										
Middlebury.....	Sheldon Museum Library.....		Yes	Henry L. Sheldon.....	4,050	50	No	150.00		
Middlebury.....	Middlebury High Sch. Lib.....	1906					No			
Monkton.....	No library.....									
New Haven.....	New Haven Town Library.....	1901	Yes	S. Brown.....	408	17	Yes	30.00		
Orwell.....	Orwell Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Addie M. Raymond.....	1,850	80	Yes	100.00		
Panton.....	No library.....									
Ripton.....	Ripton Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Agnes B. Billings.....	428	53	Yes	15.00		
Salisbury.....	Salisbury Public Library.....	1901	Yes	Samuel H. Kelley.....	796		Yes	50.00		
Shoreham.....	Shoreham Free Library.....	1893	Yes	Florence H. Witherill.....	926	101	Yes	100.00		Building given by Mrs. Mary Mixer Platt.
Starkboro.....	No library.....									
Vergennes.....	Vergennes City Library.....	1876	No	Mary P. Tucker.....	3,711	80	No	245.00		
Vergennes.....	Vt. Industrial School Lib.....			E. L. Ingalls.....	850		No			
Waltham.....	No library.....									
Weybridge.....	Cotton Free Public Lib.....	1901	Yes	Martin E. Sprague.....	1,480	80	Yes	25.00	5,000.00	Joshua F. Cotton bequest.
Whiting.....	Whiting Circulating Lib.....	1898	No	Mrs. Kate Ketcham.....	300	25	No			

*Annually.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

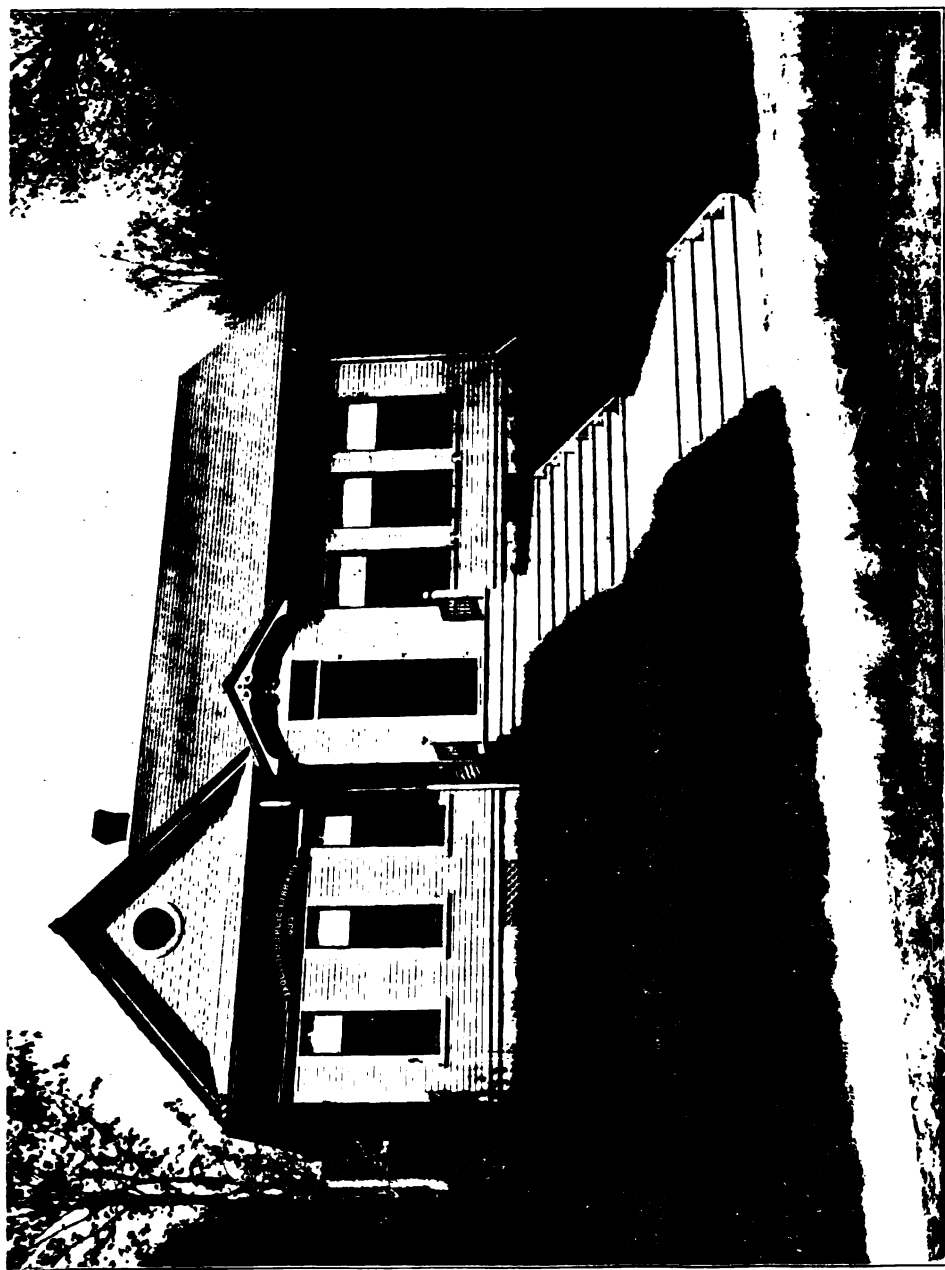
NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. July, 1906.	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	STATE AID.	AMN'T APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Arlington.....	Arlington Circulating Lib.....	1899	No	Martha H. Canfield.	350	400	No	\$500.00	\$525.00	
Bennington...	Bennington Free Library.....	1865	Yes	Mary B. Merrill.....	8,400	100	No	*100.00		
	No. Bennington Free Lib.....	1900	Yes	H. S. Welling.....	2,000	100	No	100.00		
	Old Academy Library.....	1897	No	Caroline R. Merrill..	2,000		No			
	Bennington High Sch. Lib.				500		No			
	North Bennington Graded School Library.....									
Dorset.....	Dorset Public Library.....	1870	No	Hattie Grey.....	1,170	70	No			
Glastenbury.....	No library.....									
Landgrove.....	Landgrove Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. G. M. Harris.....	329	53	Yes	15.00		
Manchester....	Mark Skinner Library.....	1897	No	Clara Chamberlain..	15,500	700	No		40,000.00	Mrs. Henry J. Willing.
	Burr & Burton Sem. Lib.....	1826			1,515	15	No			
Pera.....	Pera Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. C. W. Whitney.	615		Yes	15.00		
Pownal.....	No library.....									
Readsboro.....	Readsboro Free Library.....	1399	Yes	A. P. Bishop.....	908	100	Yes	60.00		
Rupert.....	No library.....									
Sandgate.....	No library.....									
Searsburg.....	No library.....									
Shafsbury.....	South Shafsbury Lib. Asso.	1874	No	Mrs. Sarah Winfield.	840	40	No			
Stamford.....	Stamford Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mary C. Morrissey..	430	15	Yes	15.00		
Sunderland....	Sunderland Town Library	1896	Yes	John M. Gregory.....	330		Yes	15.00		
Winhall.....	No library.....									
Woodford.....	Woodford City Library.....	1904	Yes	Mina Knights.....	175		No			

*\$100 Additional from the Village.

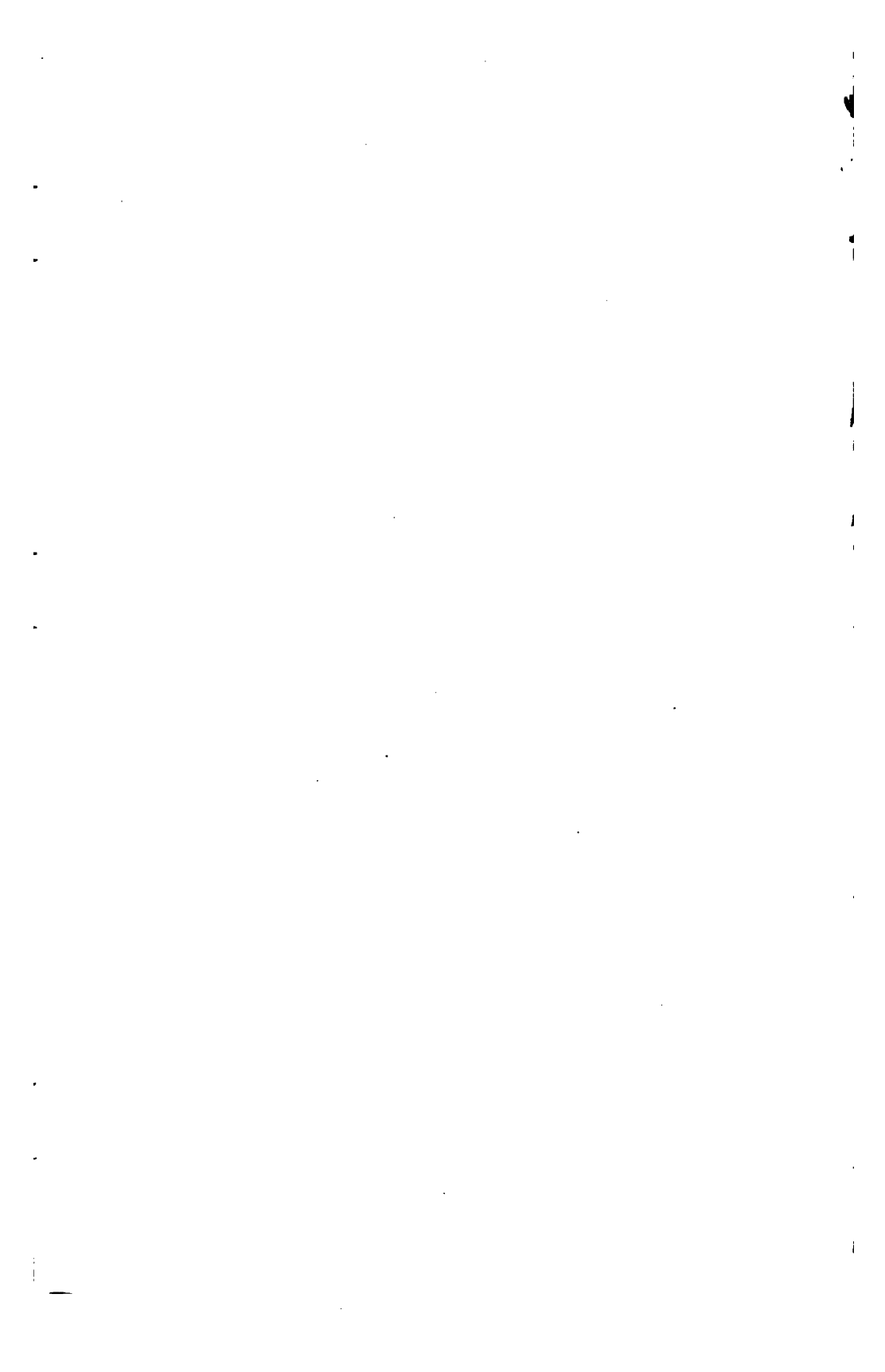
CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barnet.....	Barnet Public Library.....	1900	Yes	Henrietta Willey.....	1,587	140	Yes	\$ 100.00	Mrs. Horace Fairbanks
Burke.....	Town Library.....	1904	Yes	Mr. L. H. Wells.....	400	Yes	No		
East.....	Ladies' Library Association.....	1872	No	Mrs. E. F. Root.....	516	16	No		
West.....	Ladies' Library Association.....	1875	No	Mrs. George Brown.....	1,143	No	No		
	Pope Memorial Library.....	1880	No	Mrs. S. C. Currier.....	2,200	No	No		Building given by Mrs. C. B. Pope.
Danville.....	Phillips Academy Library.....	1904			150				
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes	George N. Clark.....	619	Yes	Yes	25.00	
Hardwick.....	Hathaway Free Public Lib.....	1895	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgeman.....	1,153	34	Yes	250.00	Building given by Mrs. M. M. Jendevine.
	Jendevine Memorial Library.....	1898	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgeman.....	778	41	No	250.00	
Kirby.....	Kirby Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. A. S. Graves.....	571	Yes	Yes	15.00	
	Cobleigh Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. Duston.....	2,784	25	Yes	1,850.00	Eber W. Cobleigh for building.
Lyndon.....	Lyndon Institute Library.....	1898			1,600				
Newark.....	Ladies' Library.....	1810	No	Fred'k A. Rainey.....	450	No	No		
Peacham.....	Juvenile Society Library.....	1810	No	Mrs. M. L. Gray.....	2,212	44	No		Thaddeus Stevens and others.
	Ryegate Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. Frank Powers.....	780	60	Yes	50.00	
Ryegate.....	So. Ryegate Branch Lib.....	1901	Yes	Mrs. Marian J. Hall.....	300	No	No		
	Whitchill Library.....	1871	Yes	H. E. Parrow.....	255	662	No		
St. Johnsbury.....	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.....	1871	Yes	E. T. Fairbanks.....	18,058	400	No		Horace Fairbanks.
Sheffield.....	St. Johnsbury Academy Lib.....	1905	Yes	Mrs. J. H. Nelson.....	100	Yes	Yes	15.00	
Stannard.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. L. B. Wilson.....	780	Yes	Yes	25.00	
Sutton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. F. C. Curtis.....	424	9	Yes	25.00	
Walden.....	Walden Free Public Lib.....	1896	Yes	G. T. Eastman.....	480	68	Yes	25.00	
Waterford.....	Waterford Free Public Lib.....	1897	Yes	Caroline H. Streeter.....	519	25	Yes	15.00	
Whitlock.....	Whitlock Public Library.....	1897	Yes	Mrs. J. A. McDowell.....					

* Annually.



JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY, MARSHFIELD.



CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY REF.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bolton	No library.									
	Fletcher Free Library..... (Carnegie Building).	1874	Yes	Sarah C. Hagar.....	40,000	1,000	No	\$ 5,000.00	{ \$10,000.00 10,000.00 50,000.00	Horatio Loomis. Mary L. Fletcher. For building, given by Andrew Carnegie.
Burlington	University of Vt. Library.....	1836	Yes	Edith E. Clarke.....	73,044	2,090	No		{ 100,000.00 20,000.00	Fred E. Billings' Family. Library Fund.
	Adams School Library.....				800		No			
	Burlington High Sch. Lib.	1903			850	15	No	150.00		
	Burlington Gram. Sch. Lib.				150		No			
	Converse School Library.....	1894			200		No			
	St. Mary's Academy Lib.				3,000		No			
	Breezy Point Library.....	1899	Yes		1,000	50	No			
Charlotte	King's Daughters Library.....	1899	No	Mrs. C. M. Parmelee	1,400		No			
Colchester	Essex Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Irma W. Beach.	1,200	30	Yes	50.00		
	Essex (Essex Center branch)	1898	Yes	E. H. Lawrence.....						
	Essex Classical Institute Lib	1847			275		No			
	Essex Jct. High Sch. Lib.				125		No			
	Post Ethan Allen Library.....	1898	Yes	W. W. Brander.....	538		No			
Hinesburg	Hinesburg Public Library.....	1902	Yes	M. R. France.....	800	80	Yes	25.00		
	Hinesburg High School.....				100		No			
Huntington	No library									
Jericho	Jericho Town Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. Jennie W. Hart.	895	60	Yes	25.00		
Milton	Milton Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. L. E. Wolcott.	800		Yes	25.00		
Richmond	Richmond Free Library.....	1888	Yes	Mrs. Leon Hall.....	1,375	125	No		*78.00	Jonas F. Barber fund.
St. George	No library.				1,400		Yes	100.00		
Shelburne	Shelburne Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. M. Tracy.....	1,400	180	Yes			
	Shelburne High School.....	1896					No			
So. Burlington	No library.									
Underhill	Underhill Town Library.....	1903	Yes	Mrs. W. J. Fuller.....	459	143	Yes	25.00		
Westford	Westford Free Library.....	1895	Yes	D. D. Smith.....	684	20	Yes	25.00		
Williston	Williston Public Library.....	1906	Yes	Mrs. H. O. Whitney.	281		Yes	25.00		

*Annually.

ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY TOWN IN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bloomfield.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Leta J. Raton.....	1,110	102	Yes	\$ 100.00		
Brighton.....	Island Pond Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Leta J. Raton.....	1,110	102	Yes	\$ 100.00		
Brunswick.....	No library.....	1892	Yes	Mrs. J. A. Weeks.....	519	15	No	50.00		
Canaan.....	Canaan Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Edith M. Brooks.....	872		No	35.00		
Concord....	Concord Public Library.....	1896	Yes	A. M. Carpenter.....	270	20	Yes	15.00		
East Haven.....	No library.....	1901	Yes	Mrs. C. F. Webb.....	720	20	Yes	50.00		Building given by Hon. E. C. Benton.
Granby.....	Town library.....									
Guildhall.....	Guildhall Public Library.....									
Lemington.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Julia R. White.....	1,137	70	Yes	100.00		Edg given by Alden Balch
Lunenburg.....	Alden Balch memorial lib.									
Malden.....	No library.....	1897	Yes	Mrs. L. F. Houston.....	280		Yes	15.00		
Norton.....	Victory Public Library.....									
Victory.....										

* Makes appropriation for, and by terms of the bequest has free use of the Guildhall Public Library.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. July, 1906.	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	STATE AID.	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN, 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bakersfield	Brigham Academy Library	1879	.....	.....	1,150	50	No	.....	.....	.....
Berkshire	No library.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enosburg	Enosburg Public Library	1896	Yes	Clara M. Pratt	2,055	150	Yes	\$ 150.00	.....	.....
Enosburg	High School Library	.....	.....	.....	550	29	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Fairfax	Fairfax Free Library	1899	Yes	Mrs. F. A. Petty	485	25	Yes	25.00	.....	Hiram Bellows legacy.
Fairfield	Bellows Free Academy Lib.	1901	Yes	W. H. Fairchild	300	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Fairfield, East.	Town Library (branch)	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fletcher	Fletcher Free Library	1896	Yes	F. S. Tupper	480	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Franklin	Franklin Free Library	1896	Yes	W. S. Shepardson	780	30	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Georgia	Georgia Free Library	1896	Yes	C. W. Powell	368	15	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Highgate	Highgate Public Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. Abner Bliss	242	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	Montgomery Town Library	1895	Yes	Josephine H. Lyon	641	26	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Montgomery	Arvin A. Brown Public Lib.	1895	Yes	C. L. Martin	1,867	42	No	.....	\$350.00	Arvin A. Brown and S. P. Carpenter.
Richford	Richford School Library	.....	.....	.....	311	85	No	.....	.....	.....
St. Albans	St. Albans Free Library	1895	Yes	Bertha C. Jennison	5,944	427	No	500.00	1,000.00	Luther B Hunt.
St. Albans	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town	High School Library	.....	.....	.....	700	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Sheldon	Sheldon Free Public Library	1897	Yes	W. B. Curtis	1,083	.....	No	50.00	.....	.....
Swanton	Swanton Free Library	1899	Yes	Elizabeth Rogers	3,000	367	Yes	200.00	3,000.00	Jonathan Northrop.
Swanton	High School Library	1900	600	5	No

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GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No Vols. July, 1906.	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Alburgh.....	Alburgh Town Library.....	1894 Yes	Yes	Mrs I. S. Goodfellow	464	18	Yes	\$ 25.00	.....	.....
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1883 No	No	Mrs Edson Ufford	250	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library.....	1896 Yes	Yes	Cynthia N. Ritchie	208	.....	Yes	15.00	.....	.....
North Hero.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library	1895 Yes	Yes	Mrs. J. D. Hall.....	460	24	Yes	15.00



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TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY PERM.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Addison	Addison Free Public Lib.	1902	Yes	Mrs. H. H. White.	338	46	Yes	\$ 25.00		
Bridport	No library.									
Bristol	Bristol Free Library	1902	Yes	Kate I. Stewart	1,525	69	Yes	200.00		
Bristol	Bristol High School				40					
Cornwall	Cornwall Free Library	1905	Yes	F. D. Manchester.	1,105	105	Yes	40.00	1000 vol	{Gilbert Lane bequest in 1859.
Perlaburg	No library.									
Goshen	No library.									
Granville	Granville Free Library	1895	Yes	Bessie M. Hubbard.	385		Yes	15.00		
Hancock	No library.									
Leicester	Wide Awake School Lib.	1892	Yes	Mrs. Bert Siple.	100		No			
Lincoln	Ladies' Aid Society Lib.	1900	Yes		849	49	Yes	25.00		
	Ladies' Library	1866	No		5,660		No		\$ 350.00	
	Middlebury College Lib.	1800			31,000	400	No		\$ 12.50	
Middlebury									{ 55,000.00	{ For building given by Egbert Starr.
	Sheldon Museum Library		Yes	Henry L. Sheldon.	4,050	50	No			
Middlebury	Middlebury High Sch. Lib.	1906					No	150.00		
Monkton	No library.									
New Haven	New Haven Town Library	1901	Yes	S. Brown.	408	17	Yes	30.00		
Orwell	Orwell Free Library	1896	Yes	Addie M. Raymond.	1,350	80	Yes	100.00		
Panton	No library.									
Ripton	Ripton Free Library	1895	Yes	Agnes B. Billings.	428	53	Yes	15.00		
Salisbury	Salisbury Public Library	1901	Yes	Samuel H. Kelley.	796		Yes	50.00		
Shoreham	Shoreham Free Library	1893	Yes	Florence H. Witherill.	926	101	Yes	100.00		{ Building given by Mrs. Mary Miser Platt.
Starkboro.	No library.									
Vergennes	Vergennes City Library	1876	No	Mary P. Tucker.	3,711	80	No	245.00		
Waltham	Vt. Industrial School Lib.			E. L. Ingalls.	950	50	No			
Weybridge	No library.									
Whiting	Cotton Free Public Lib.	1901	Yes	Martin E. Sprague.	1,480	80	Yes	25.00	5,000.00	Joshua F. Cotton bequest.
	Whiting Circulating Lib.	1898	No	Mrs. Kate Ketcham	300	25	No			

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BENNINGTON COUNTY.

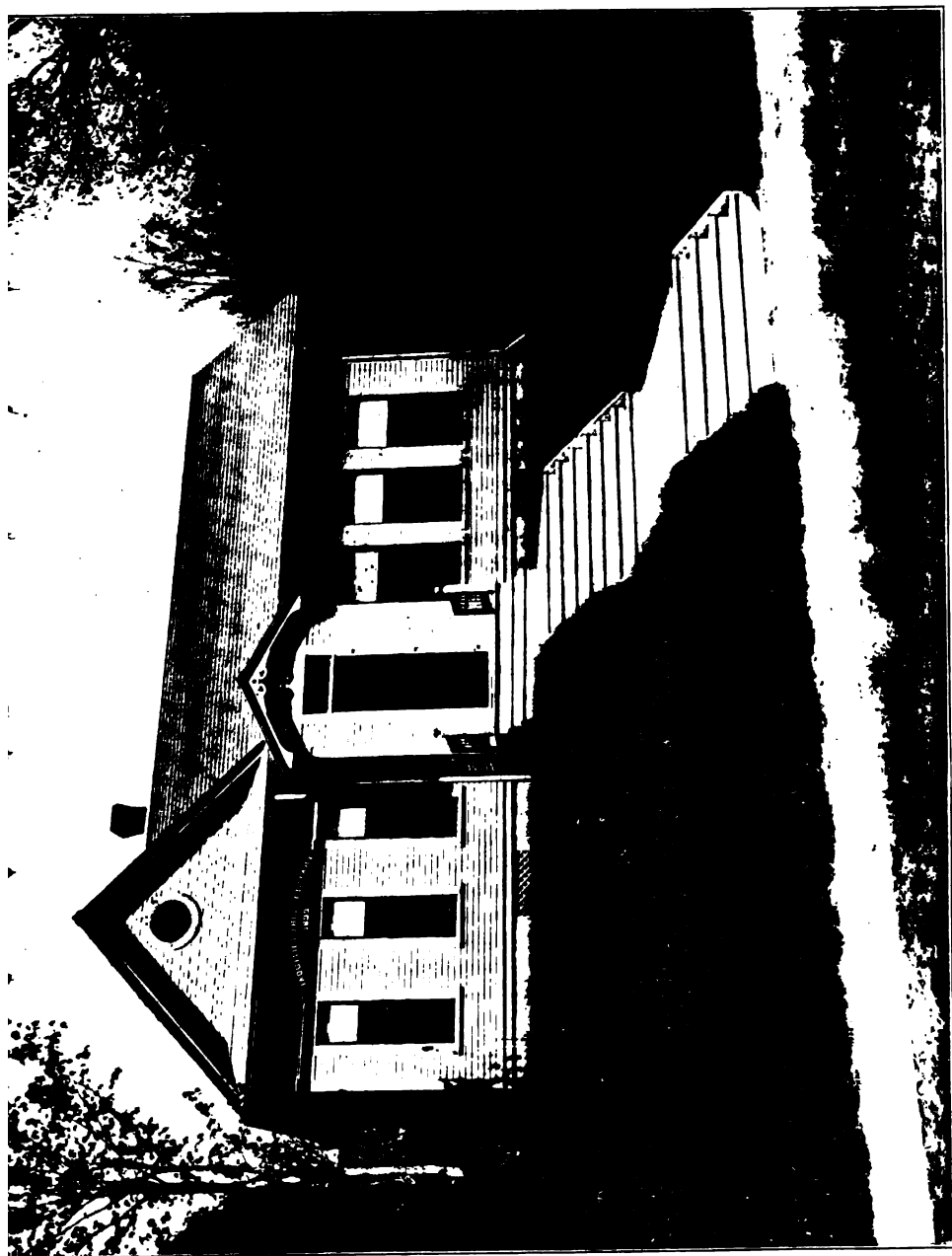
NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Arlington.....	Arlington Circulating Lib...	1899	No	Martha H. Canfield.	350	400	No	\$ 500.00		
Bennington...	Bennington Free Library...	1865	Yes	Mary B. Merrill...	8,400	400	No	\$ 100.00	\$ 525.00	
	No. Bennington Free Lib...	1900	Yes	H. S. Welling...	2,000	100	No			
	Old Academy Library...	1897	No	Caroline R. Merrill...	2,000		No	100.00		
	Bennington High Sch. Lib.				500		No			
	North Bennington Graded School Library...									
Dorset.....	Dorset Public Library...	1870	No	Hattie Grey...	100	70	No			
Glastenbury.....	No library...				1,170		No			
Landgrove.....	Landgrove Public Library...	1895	Yes	Mrs. G. M. Harris...	329	53	Yes	15.00		
Manchester.....	Mark Skinner Library...	1897	No	Clara Chamberlain...	15,500	700	No		40,000.00	Mrs. Henry J. Willing.
	Burr & Burton Sem. Lib...	1826			1,515	15	Yes	15.00		
Pownal.....	Pownal Free Library...	1896	Yes	Mrs. C. W. Whitney...	615		Yes			
Readsboro.....	No library...				906	100	Yes	60.00		
Rupert.....	Readsboro Free Library...	1909	Yes	A. P. Bishop...						
Sandgate.....	No library...									
Searsburg.....	No library...									
Shaftsbury.....	South Shaftsbury Lib. Asso.	1874	No	Mrs. Sarah Winfield...	840	40	No			
Stamford.....	Stamford Public Library...	1895	Yes	Mary C. Morrissey...	430	15	Yes	15.00		
Sunderland.....	Sunderland Town Library	1896	Yes	John M. Gregory...	330		Yes			
Winhall.....	No library...									
Woodford.....	Woodford City Library...	1904	Yes	Mina Knights...	175		No			

*\$100 Additional from the village.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barnet.....	Barnet Public Library.....	1800	Yes	Henrietta Willey.....	1,587	Yes	\$ 100.00	\$ *50.00	Mrs. Horace Fairbanks
Burke.....	Town Library.....	1904	Yes	Mrs. L. H. Wells.....	400	Yes			
East.....	Ladies' Library Association	1872	No	Mrs. E. F. Root.....	516	No			
West.....	Ladies' Library Association	1875	No	Mrs. George Brown.....	1,143	No			
	Pope Memorial Library.....	1840	No	Mrs. S. C. Currier.....	200	No		*35.00	{ Building given by Mrs. C. B. Pope.
Danville.....	Phillips Academy Library.....	1904	Yes	George N. Clark.....	150	Yes	25.00		
Groton.....	Groton Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	619	Yes	250.00		
Hardwick.....	Hathaway Free Public Lib.	1898	Yes	Carrie P. Bridgman.....	1,153	Yes	250.00	10,000.00	{ Building given by Mrs. M. Jendevine.
Kirby.....	Jendevine Memorial Library	1895	Yes	Mrs. A. S. Graves.....	778	Yes	15.00		
	Kirby Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. H. H. Duston.....	571	Yes	1,850.00	16,500.00	{ Eber W. Cobleigh for building.
Lyndon.....	Cobleigh Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Fred'k A. Rainey.....	2,784	No			
Newark.....	Lyndon Institute Library.....	1898	No	Mrs. M. L. Gray.....	1,600	No			
Peacham.....	Ladies' Society Library.....	1810	No	Anna E. Renfrew.....	450	No		1,535.00	Thaddeus Stevens and others.
	Ryegate Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. Frank Powers.....	2,212	Yes	50.00		
	So. Ryegate Branch Lib.	1901	Yes	Mrs. Marian J. Hall.....	300	No	50.00		
	Whitehill Library.....	1901	Yes	H. E. Farrow.....	255	No			
St. Johnsbury	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum Lib.	1871	Yes	E. T. Fairbanks.....	18,058	No		80,000.00	Horace Fairbanks.
Sheffield.....	St. Johnsbury Academy Lib.	1905	Yes	Mrs. J. H. Nelson.....	100	Yes	15.00		
Stannard.....	Sheffield Free Public Lib.	1896	Yes	Mrs. L. B. Wilson.....	780	Yes	25.00		
Sutton.....	Sutton Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. F. C. Curtis.....	424	Yes	25.00		
Walden.....	Sutton Library League.....	1895	Yes	G. T. Eastman.....	9	Yes	25.00		
Waterford.....	Walden Free Public Lib.	1896	Yes	Caroline H. Streeter.....	480	Yes	15.00		
Wheelock.....	Waterford Free Public Lib.	1897	Yes	Mrs. J. A. McDowell.....	619	Yes	15.00		

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

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Bolton.....	No library									
	Fletcher Free Library..... (Carnegie Building).	1874	Yes	Sarah C. Hagar.....	40,000	1,000	No	\$ 5,000.00	\$10,000.00 10,000.00 50,000.00	Horatio Loomis. Mary L. Fletcher. For building, given by Andrew Carnegie.
Burlington.....	University of Vt. Library.....	1836	Yes	Edith E. Clarke.....	73,044	2,090	No		{ 100,000.00 20,000.00	Fred'k Billings' Family. Library Fund.
	Adams School Library.....	1903			300		No	150.00		
	Burlington High Sch. Lib.....	1903			150	15	No			
	Burlington Gram. Sch. Lib.....	1894			200		No			
	Converse School Library.....	1894			8,000		No			
	St. Mary's Academy Lib.....	1899	Yes		1,000	50	No			
Charlotte.....	Breezy Point Library.....	1899	No	Mrs. C. M. Parmelee	1,400		No			
Colchester.....	King's Daughters Library.....	1898	Yes	Irma W. Beach.....	1,200	30	Yes	50.00		
	Essex Free Library.....	1898	Yes	E. H. Lawrence.....	275		No			
	Essex (Essex Center branch) Lib.....	1847			125		No			
Essex.....	Essex Jct. High Sch. Lib.....	1893	Yes	W. W. Brander.....	538		No			
	Post Ethan Allen Library.....	1902	Yes	M. R. France.....	800	80	Yes	25.00		
Hinesburg.....	Hinesburg High School.....				100		No			
Huntington.....	No library									
Jericho.....	Jericho Town Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. Jennie W. Hart	895	60	Yes	25.00		
Milton.....	Milton Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. L. E. Wolcott.....	300		No	25.00		
Richmond.....	Richmond Free Library.....	1888	Yes	Mrs. Leon Hall.....	1,375	125	No		*78.00	Jonas F. Barber fund.
St. George.....	No library									
Shelburne.....	Shelburne Free Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. H. M. Tracy.....	1,460	180	Yes	100.00		
	Shelburne High School.....	1896			140		No			
So. Burlington.....	No library									
Underhill.....	Underhill Town Library.....	1903	Yes	Mrs. W. J. Fuller.....	459	143	Yes	25.00		
Westford.....	Westford Free Library.....	1895	Yes	D. D. Smith.....	684	20	Yes	25.00		
Williston.....	Williston Public Library.....	1905	Yes	Mrs. H. O. Whitney.....	281		Yes	25.00		

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ESSEX COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY MEMT.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. July, 1906.	No. Vols. Added LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bloomfield.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Leta J. Eaton.....	1,110	102	Yes	\$ 100.00		
Brighton.....	Island Pond Public Library.....	1896	Yes							
Brunswick.....	No library.....	1892	Yes	Mrs. J. A. Weeks.....	519	15	No	50.00		
Canaan.....	Canaan Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Edith M. Brooks.....	872		No	35.00		
Concord.....	Concord Public Library.....									
East Haven.....	No library.....	1896	Yes	A. M. Carpenter.....	270	20	Yes	15.00		
Granby.....	Town library.....	1901	Yes	Mrs. C. F. Webb.....	720	20	Yes	50.00		{ Building given by Hon. E. C. Benton.
Guildhall.....	Guildhall Public Library.....									
Lemington.....	No library.....	1895	Yes	Julia R. White.....	1,137	70	Yes	100.00		B'ldg given by Alden Balch
Lunenburg.....	Alden Balch memorial lib. ..									
Maldstone.....	No library.....	1897	Yes	Mrs. L. F. Houston.....	280		Yes	15.00		
Norton.....	Victory Public Library.....									
Victory.....										

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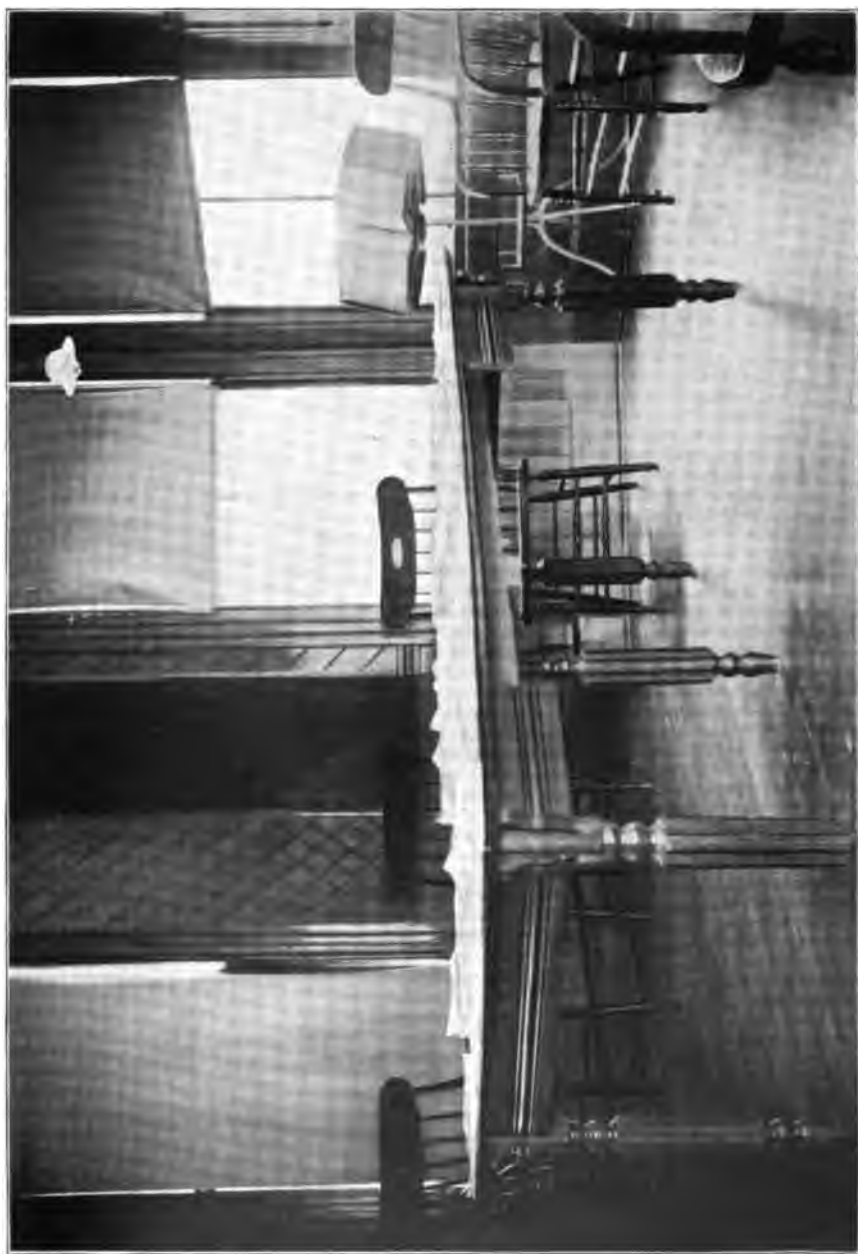
FRANKLIN COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AM'T APP. BY TOWN, BY 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bakersfield	Brigham Academy Library	1879	.....	.....	1,150	50	No	.....	.....	.....
Berkshire	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enosburg	Enosburg Public Library	1896	Yes	Clara M. Pratt	2,056	150	Yes	\$ 100.00	.....	.....
Fairfax	High School Library	1899	Yes	Mrs. F. A. Petty	495	29	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Fairfield	Fairfax Free Academy Lib.	1901	Yes	W. H. Fairchild	25	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	Hiram Bellows legacy.
Fairfield, East.	Town Library (branch)	.....	.....	F. S. Tupper	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fletcher	Fletcher Free Library	1896	Yes	W. S. Shepardson	200	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Franklin	Franklin Free Library	1896	Yes	C. W. Powell	480	30	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Georgia	Georgia Free Library	1896	Yes	Mrs. Abner Bliss	368	15	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Highgate	Highgate Public Library	1898	Yes	Josephine H. Lyon	242	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	Montgomery Town Library	1895	Yes	C. L. Martin	641	26	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Richford	Arvin A. Brown Public Lib.	1895	Yes	Mrs. A. K. Brown	1,867	42	No	.....	\$350.00	Arvin A. Brown and S. P. Carpenter.
Richford	Richford School Library	.....	.....	.....	311	85	No	.....	.....	.....
St. Albans	St. Albans Free Library	1865	Yes	Bertha C. Jennison	5,944	427	No	500.00	1,000.00	Luther B. Hunt.
St. Albans	High School Library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Sheldon	Sheldon Free Public Library	1897	Yes	W. B. Curtis	700	.....	No	50.00	3,000.00	Jonathan Northrop.
Swanton	Swanton Free Library	1899	Yes	Elizabeth Rogers	3,000	367	Yes	200.00
Swanton	High School Library	1900	600	5	No

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Alburgh.....	Alburgh Town Library.....	1894. Yes	1894. Yes	Mrs I. S. Goodfellow	434	18	Yes	\$ 25.00
Grand Isle.....	Grand Isle Library Club.....	1888. No	1888. No	Mrs. Edson Ufford...	250	No
Isle La Motte.....	Isle La Motte Free Library.....	1895. Yes	1895. Yes	Cynthia N. Ritchie...	208	Yes	15.00
North Hero.....	No library.....
South Hero.....	South Hero Public Library	1895. Yes	1895. Yes	Mrs. J. D. Hall.....	460	24	Yes	15.00



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LAMOILLE COUNTY.

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Belvidere.....	No library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. J. W. Raymore	366	32	Yes	\$ 25.00		
Cambridge.....	Cambridge Public Library.....	1900	Yes	Carrie P. Carroll.....	516	25	Yes	25.00		
	Crescendo Club Library.....	1904	Yes	A. M. Rice.....	645	79	No	25.00		Established by Wilson gift of \$500.00.
Cambridge.....	Wilson Memorial Library.....									
	Graded School Library.....				80		No			
Eden.....	No library.....									
Elmore.....	No library.....	1896	Yes		900		Yes	25.00		
Hyde Park.....	Hyde Park Public Library.....	1895	Yes		930	80	Yes	50.00		
Johnson.....	Johnson Public Library.....	1897			2,618	141	No			
	State Normal School Lib.....									
Morristown.....	Morristown Centennial Lib	1891	Yes	F. G. Fleetwood.....	2,925	50	No	175.00	\$ 500.00 D. T. Safford Fund.	
Stowe.....	Stowe Free Library.....	1866	Yes	Mrs. M. Jenney.....	2,546		No	75.00	200.00 Mary Clark	
	Stowe Graded School Lib.....				400		No		200.00 Poland fund.	
Waterville.....	Waterville Town Library.....	1895	Yes	Mrs. R. A. Willey.....	256	135	Yes	15.00		
Wolcott.....	No library.....									

ORANGE COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906.	ENDOW- MENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Bradford	Bradford Public Library.....	1895	No	Mrs. A. C. Spalding.	3,350	250	No		\$5,000.00	J. L. Woods.
Bradford	Bradford Academy Library.....	1900	Yes	Minnie F. Batcheller	2,700		Yes	\$ 25.00		
Braintree	Braintree Public Library.....	1791	Yes	Louise Parmenter	300	50	No		200.00	Mrs. Alice Wheatley Thayer
Brookfield	Brookfield High School Lib.	1901		Nellie M. Corwin.....	125		No			Building given by Alden Speare.
Chelsea	Alden Speare Memorial Lib	1892	Yes		1,567	41	No	50.00		
Chelsea	Chelsea High School Lib.				230		No			
Corinth	Blake Memorial Library.....	1902	No	Mrs. S. A. Butterfield	1,700	100	No		*500.00	Mrs. Almira Fenno, Mr. C. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Blake.
Fairlee	Fairlee Public Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. B. W. Abbott.	362		Yes			Also gave building.
Newbury	Tenney Memorial Library..	1897	Yes	Frances M. Atkinson	4,597	77	No	150.00	*215.00	Building given by Martha J. Tenney.
Newbury	Wells River Library.....	1858	No	Kate D. Lee.	1,697		No			Building given by Col. Kraatus Baldwin.
Orange	Orange Public Town Lib.....	1881	Yes	Myra F. Davis.....	600		Yes			
Randolph	Kimball Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Anne L. DuBois..	6,022	258	Yes	800.00	3,300.00	Mrs. S. J. Crocker. Build- ing given by Col. R. J. Kimball.
Randolph	Randolph State Normal School Library.....	1806			7,000		No			
Randolph	Randolph High School Lib.				300		No			
Stratford	Harris Library.....	1855	Yes	Helen D. Moon.....	5,308	111	No		1,050.00	Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill.
Thetford	Latham Memorial Library.	1878	No	Mrs. F. E. Garey.....	4,030	30	No		1,500.00	Mrs. A. L. Barney.
Thetford	Peabody Public Library.....	1866	No	Harvey Dodge.....	3,000		No		2,500.00	George Peabody.
Topeham	Thetford Academy Library						No			
Topeham	No library.									
Tunbridge	Colton Public Library.....	1895	No		1,000		Yes	25.00		
Vershire	Washington Town Library	1901	Yes	Mrs. Charles Emery.	837		Yes	25.00		
Washington	Town Library.....	1905	Yes	Maudie A. Bliss.	500		Yes	25.00	600.00	Mrs. H. A. White.
West Fairlee	Williamstown Social Lib.	1801	No	George E. Wilber.....	8,200	100	No			

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ORLEANS COUNTY.

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Albany.....	No library.....									
Barton.....	Barton Town Library.....	1898	Yes	Mabel L. Gay.....	1,546	31	Yes	\$ 200.00		
	Barton Landing Branch.....									
	Barton Academy Library.....	1891			300		No			
	Barton Landing High School Library.....						No			
Brownington.....	No library.....									
Charleston.....	E. Charleston Read & Circle.....	1897	Yes	Mrs. I. R. Wolcott.....	470		No			
Coventry.....	No library.....									
Craftsbury.....	Craftsbury Academy Lib.....	1889	Yes	Ruth C. Rowley.....	2,631	91	No	100.00		
Derby.....	Haskell Free Library.....	1906	Yes	Harold H. Stone.....	5,600	500	No		\$100,000.00	Mrs. Martha Haskell (and Col. H. S. Haskell.
Derby.....	Derby Academy.....				1,000		No			
Glover.....	No library.....									
Greensboro.....	Greensboro Free Library.....	1900	Yes	Mrs. F. U. B. Jackson.....	1,350	50	Yes	125.00		{ Building given by H. S. Tolman.
Holland.....	No library.....									
Irasburg.....	No library.....									
Jay.....	No library.....									
Lowell.....	No library.....									
Morgan.....	No library.....									
Newport.....	Goodrich Memorial Library.....	1899	No	Lizzie M. Sargent.....	8,678	278	No	17.00	32,000.00	Converse G. Goodrich.
	High School Library.....				200		No			
Troy.....	North Troy High School Lib.....	1918			118	5	No			
Westfield.....	Westfield Public Library.....	1896	Yes	E. S. Miller.....	665	96	Yes	15.00		{ Building given by A. C. Hitchcock.
Westmore.....	Westmore Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. D. O. Marsden.....	377		Yes	15.00		

RUTLAND COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FRFR.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN IN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Benson	Benson Free Library	1898	Yes	Mrs. M. Patterson	1,251	16	Yes	100.00		
Braundon	Brandon Free Public Lib.	1901	Yes	Mrs. F. E. Kingsley	3,010	210	No	100.00		
Castleton	Castleton Free Public Lib.	1897	Yes	Minnie A. Rice	2,050	150	Yes	200.00	\$ 500.00	Russell M. Wright Memorial fund.
Chittenden	State Normal School Lib.	1895	Yes	B. J. Perry	4,000	20	Yes	25.00		
Clarendon	North Clarendon Free Library	1902	Yes	Mrs. J. H. Davis	256		No			
Danby	Danby Free Library	1880	Yes	Mrs. Julius C. Griffith	800		No		14,000.00	Silas L. Griffith for building.
Fair Haven	Fair Haven Public Library	1886	Yes	Ellen F. Dewey	4,901	881	No	800.00	3,000.00	Andrew Carnegie for building
Hubbardton	High School Library				15		No			
Ira	No library									
Mendon	Baptist Sunday School Lib.	1850	Yes	Grace Parker	200		No			
Middletown	No library									
Middletown Sp.	Middletown Sp. Pub. Lib.	1889	Yes	D. S. Carpenter	986	128	Yes	80.00		
Mt. Holly	Grammar School Library				69		No			
Mt. Taber	No library									
Pawlet	Pawlet Public Library	1903	Yes	O. Bushee	820	120	Yes	200.00		
Pittsfield	Pittsfield Free Town Lib.	1901	Yes	Rufus Holt	310	74	Yes	25.00		
Pittsford	Maclure Library	1839	Yes	Bertha M. Shaw	6,295	295	No	259.92		
Poultney	Poultney Public Library	1895	Yes	Addie P. Kilborn	4,895	179	Yes	600.00		
	Poultney High School Lib.	1901			200		No			
	Troy Conference Acad Lib.				2,975	155	No			
Proctor	Proctor Public Library	1881	Yes	Mary K. Norton	5,502	295	No	289.70		
	High School Library				150		No			
Rutland	Rutland Free Library	1886	Yes	Lucy D. Cheney	15,900	400	No			
	H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib	1891	Yes	Mrs. A. P. Riker	20,000		No			
	High School Library				1,300	100	No			
	House of Correction Lib.				500		No			
Rutland, Town	No library									
Sherburne	No library									
Shrewsbury	No library									
Sudbury	No library									
Tinmouth	No library									
Wallingford	Gilbert Hart Library	1904	Yes	May L. Congdon	3,100	100	No	427.37	2,000.00	S. E. Bogue, building given by Gilbert Hart.
Wells	No library									
West Haven	Free Circulating Library	1897	Yes	Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock	318	56	Yes	63.00		
West Rutland	West Rutland Public Lib.	1896	Yes	Nellie H. Newton	1,819	144	No	300.00		



BAND STAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, QUEBEC.



INTERIOR OF BAND STAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, QUEBEC.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	(DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.)	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Barre.....	Barre Library Association.	1872	No	Mrs. Louise L. Boyce	6,000	.....	No	.....	\$45,000.00	From Aldrich Fund for building.
"	E. E. French Library	1889	No	"	2,000	.....	No	\$ 800.00	2,500.00	E. E. French.
"	Goddard Seminary Library	.....	.....	"	3,000	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Berlin	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cabot	Cabot Free Library	1896	Yes	Walter H. Lance	767	17	Yes	50.00	.....	.....
Calais	Calais Circulating Library	1832	No	Mrs. A. I. Converse	1,169	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Calais	East Calais Circulating Lib	1868	No	Mrs. Gay Bancroft	1,447	69	No	.....	.....	.....
Duxbury	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Montpelier	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fayston	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield	Jaquith public library	1899	Yes	Mrs. B. B. Nownes	3,025	125	No	125.00	*160.00	.....
Middlesex	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montpelier	Kellogg-Hubbard library	1896	Yes	Mary E. Macomber	16,920	1,039	No	.....	145,000.00	Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John E. Hubbard. Wilbur F. Braman.
"	Vermont State Library	1825	Yes	George W. Wing	45,000	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
"	High School Library	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Moretown	Montpelier Seminary Lib.	1868	No	.....	1,506	6	No	.....	.....	.....
Northfield	Moretown Free Library	1905	Yes	Florence A. Haylett	241	.....	No	25.00	.....	.....
"	Northfield Free Public Lib.	1905	Yes	Ellen L. Brown	1,000	.....	Yes	223.35	20,000.00	Building given by Mr. Geo. W. Brown.
"	Norwich University Library	1819	Yes	W. A. Ellis	11,195	1,719	No	.....	50,000.00	For building given by Andrew Carnegie.
Plainfield	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waitsfield	Waitsfield Town Library	1900	Yes	Mrs. Flora Moriarty	540	65	Yes	75.00	.....	.....
Warren	Wartontown Library	1901	Yes	Mrs. Laura Parker	164	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Waterbury	Waterbury Town Library	1905	Yes	.....	3,000	.....	Yes	375.00	10,000.00	Mrs. Horace Fales.
Waterbury	Insane asylum Library	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Woodbury	Woodbury Public Library	1895	Yes	H. E. Burnham	267	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Worcester	No library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Annually.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	No. Vols. July, 1906.	No. Vols. Added Last Year.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Athens.....	Athens Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. J. S. Hastings..	364	54	Yes	\$ 15.00	\$20,000.00	{ For building given by George Brooks.
Brattleboro.....	Brattleboro Free Library.....	1882	Yes	Mary F. Shashober.....	16,500	770	No	1,800.00	.....	.....
Brookline.....	Brattleboro Retreat Lib.....	.....	.....	Anne S. Angell.....	4,960	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Dover.....	High School Library.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Dunstable.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton.....	Grafton Public Library.....	1858	Yes	Mrs. Thaddens Park.....	3,058	.....	No	100.00	500.00	Mrs. L. B. Daniels.
Guilford.....	Guilford Free Library.....	1891	Yes	Mrs. Etta H. Ward.....	1,265	.....	No	40.00	1,000.00	Mrs. C. A. King.
Hallifax.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Londonderry.....	Londonderry Lib. Asso.....	1882	No	Mrs. P. R. Holt.....	950	2	No	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro.....	No library.....	1902	No	George A. Coombs.....	618	81	No	.....	.....	.....
Newfane.....	Moore Free Library.....	1898	Yes	Mrs. P. C. Moore.....	4,500	.....	No	.....	2,000.00	Mrs. P. C. Moore.
Putney.....	Putney Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Freda C. Pember.....	1,503	200	Yes	200.00	500.00	C. W. Kimball.
Rockingham.....	High School Library.....	1901	.....	.....	56	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
"	Rockingham Free Public Lib	1888	Yes	Mrs. N. M. Plantier.....	8,594	160	No	1,100.00	15,000.00	{ For building given by Andrew Carnegie.
"	Bellows Falls High Sch'l Lib	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Somerset.....	Vermont Academy Library	1866	.....	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend.....	No library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon.....	Townshend Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. F. L. Osgood.....	432	70	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Wardboro.....	Vernon Free Public Lib.....	1905	Yes	Mrs. E. H. Akley.....	75	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Westminster.....	Wardboro Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. A. M. Barnum.....	163	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
Whitingham.....	Ladies Aid Society Library	1870	No	Mrs. E. C. Fisher.....	680	.....	Yes	15.00	.....	.....
Winnington.....	Whitingham Free Library.....	1899	Yes	Mrs. C. E. Chase.....	972	14	No	.....	1,000.00	Homer Goodhue.
Windham.....	Whitington Free Public Lib	1895	Yes	Lettie Kingsley.....	457	.....	Yes	25.00	.....	.....
	Windham Public Library.....	1895	Yes	Meredith M. Lamson.....	1,333	64	Yes	50.00	5,000.00	{ For building given by Lyman Pettee.

* Annually.

WINDSOR COUNTY

NAME OF TOWN.	NAME OF LIBRARY.	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT.	LIBRARY FREE.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN.	NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906.	NO VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR.	STATE AID.	AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906.	ENDOWMENT.	BY WHOM ENDOWED.
Andover.....	Andover Town Library.....	1896	Yes	Adella E. Stannard.....	1,337	92	Yes	\$ 15.00		
Baltimore.....	No library.....									
Barnard.....	Charles B. Danforth Free Public Library.....	1903	Yes	Mrs. J. G. Putnam.....	860	60	Yes	50.00		
Bethel.....	Bethel Free Library.....	1893	Yes	Mary Gilson.....	1,569	69	No	35.00		
Bridgewater.....	No library.....									
Cavendish.....	Fletcher Town Library.....	1870	Yes	W. W. Adams.....	2,924		No	150.00	\$ 110.00	Richard Fletcher
Chester.....	Whiting Free Library.....	1892	Yes	C. Ginevra Folland.....	3,618	282	No	300.00	4,000.00	(Dr. Lavin G. Whiting. Abigail B. Whiting.
Hartford.....	High School Library.....				104		No		240.00	(Building given by Ephraim Morris.
"	Hartford Public Library.....	1893	Yes	Fanny L. Wright.....	3,865	100	No			(For building by Amos Barnes.
"	White River Junction Lib.....	1881	Yes	Mrs. E. J. Wallace.....	1,624	124	No		12,000.00	
"	White River Junc. School Lib.....				350		No		30,000.00	Charles T. Wilder.
"	Wildier Club and Library.....	1899		L. M. Houghton.....	1,278	78	No			
Hartland.....	Quebec Library Asso.....	1884	No	Mrs. H. A. Allen.....	1,168	66	No			(Given and mostly supported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher.
Ludlow.....	Hartland Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Hattie M. Smith.....	900		Yes	390.84		(Building given by popular subscription.
Norwich.....	Fletcher Memorial Library.....	1901	Yes	Frances M. Pierce.....	8,126	339	No			
Norwich.....	Black River Academy Lib.....				1,107		No			
Norwich.....	Norwich Public Library.....	1880	No	Mrs. B. W. Knight.....	2,789	109	No			
Plymouth.....	Plymouth Union Library.....	1886	No	Mrs. O. E. Crawford.....	286		No			
Pomfret.....	Tyson Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. C. C. Johnson.....	866		Yes	25.00		
Pomfret.....	Pomfret Public Library.....	1906	Yes	Mrs. Abbie Bruce.....	1,100		No	75.00		(Building given by Judge Ira Abbott.
Reading.....	Abbott Memorial Library.....								100.00	Mrs. A. E. Robinson.
Reading.....	Reading Public Library.....	1896	Yes	Minnie C. Fay.....	2,027	20	Yes	25.00		
Rochester.....	Rochester Free Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. C. P. Flint.....	1,500	370	No	200.00		
Royalton.....	Royalton Free Public Lib.....	1890	Yes	Seymour Culver.....	1,000	100	Yes	30.00		
Sharon.....	Sharon Town Library.....	1896	Yes	Mrs. H. A. Roberts.....	820	38	Yes	25.00		
Springfield.....	Springfield Town Library.....	1870	Yes	Mrs. K. W. Barney.....	5,306	480	No	700.00	6,531.68	(Building given by H. S. Spofford, Harrison H. Spofford and others.
Stockbridge.....	Stockbridge Free Library.....	1895	Yes	J. A. Chedel.....	220		Yes	25.00		
Weatherfield.....	Belcher Library.....	1896	Yes	Nellie P. Blanchard.....	2,785	50	No	200.00	10,000.00	William C. Belcher.
Weston.....	Proctor Library.....	1903	Yes		850		No			(Building given by Hon. B. F. Blood.
Weston.....	Weston Free Public Library.....	1898	Yes	G. H. Coburn.....	975	75	Yes	25.00		
West Windsor.....	Mary L. Blood Memorial Lib.....	1901	Yes	J. A. Savage.....	897	42	Yes	75.00	6,000.00	(Building given by Hon. B. F. Blood.
Windsor.....	Windsor Library Asso.....	1883	Yes	M. O. Perkins.....	11,344	412	No	400.00	10,000.00	(Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow. Build'g given by Hon. B. F. Blood and others.
Woodstock.....	Vermont State Prison Lib.....		Yes	Rev. W. H. Hayes.....	500		No			
Woodstock.....	Norman Williams Pub. Lib.....	1886	Yes	Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.....	15,151	350	No		\$2,300.00	Dr. E. H. Williams.

* Annually.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

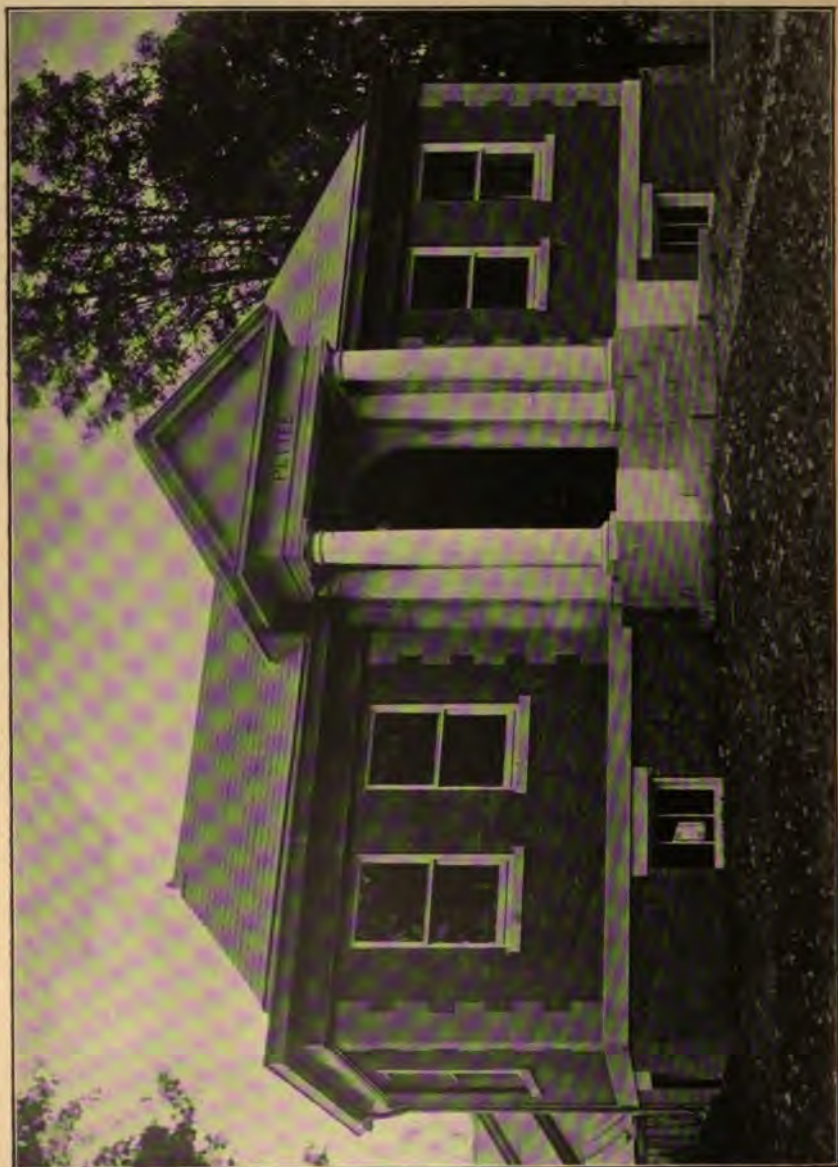
Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

Addison,	Highgate,	Sheffield,
Alburg,	Hinesburg,	Shelburne,
Andover,	Hyde Park,	Sheldon,
Athens,	Isle La Motte,	Shoreham,
Barnard,	Jericho,	South Hero,
Barnet,	Johnson,	Stamford,
Barton,	Kirby,	Stockbridge,
Beuson,	Landgrove,	†Stowe,
Braintree,	Lincoln,	†Strafford,
†Brattleboro,	Lunenburg,	Sunderland,
Brighton,	Lyndon,	Sutton,
Bristol,	Marshfield,	Swanton,
Burke,	Middletown Springs,	Townshend,
Cabot,	Milton,	Underhill,
Cambridge,	Montgomery,	Vernon,
Canaan,	Moretown,	Vershire,
Castleton,	New Haven,	Victory,
†Cavendish,	Newport,	Waitsfield,
†Chelsea,	Northfield,	Walden,
†Chester,	Orange,	Wardsboro,
Chittenden,	Orwell,	Warren,
Concord,	Pawlet,	Washington,
Cornwall,	Peru,	Waterbury,
Enosburg,	Pittsfield,	Waterford,
Essex,	Pomfret,	Waterville,
†Fair Haven,	Poultney,	West Fairlee,
Fairlee,	Putney,	Westfield,
Fairfax,	Randolph,	Westford,
Fairfield,	Reading,	West Haven,
Fletcher,	Readsboro,	Westmore,
Franklin,	†Richford,	Weston,
Georgia,	†Richmond,	West Windsor,
Grafton,	Ripton,	Weybridge,
Granby,	Rochester,	Wheelock,
Granville,	†Rockingham,	Whitingham,
Greensboro,	Royalton,	Williston,
Groton,	Ryegate,	Wilmington,
Guildhall,	Salisbury,	Windham,
†Guilford,	†St. Albans,	Woodbury,—121.
Hardwick,	§St. Albans (Town of),	
Hartland,	Sharon,	

With state aid 109.

Without state aid 12.

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City,) and makes annual appropriation for its support.



PETTE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILMINGTON.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Bennington,	Burlington,	Springfield,—3
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CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Bethel,	Pittsford,	Weathersfield,
Brandon,	Proctor,	West Rutland,
Maidstone,	Rutland,	Windsor,—12.
Morristown,	Wallingford,	
Newbury,		

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Bakersfield,	Derby,	St. Johnsbury,
Charleston,	Hartford,	Ludlow,
Charlotte,	Montpelier,	Woodstock,
Craftsbury,	Newfane,	Thetford,—13.
Danby,		

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

Albany,	Glastenbury,	Plainfield,
*Arlington,	Glover,	*Plymouth,
Baltimore,	Goshen,	Pownal,
*Barre,	*Grand Isle,	Roxbury,
Barre (Town of),	Halifax,	Rupert,
Belvidere,	Hancock,	Rutland (Town of),
Berkshire,	Holland,	St. George,
Berlin,	Hubbardton,	Sandgate,
Bloomfield,	Huntington,	Searsburg,
Bolton,	*Ira,	*Shaftsbury,
*Bradford,	Irasburg,	Sherburne,
Bridgewater,	Jamaica,	Shrewsbury,
Bridport,	Jay,	Somerset,
*Brookfield,	Leicester,	South Burlington,
Brookline,	Lemington,	Stannard,
Brownington,	*Londonderry,	Starksboro,
Brunswick,	Lowell,	Stratton,
*Calais,	*Manchester,	Sudbury,
*Clarendon,	Marlboro,	Tinmouth,
*Colchester,	Mendon,	Topsham,
*Corinth,	*Middlebury,	Troy,
*Coventry,	Middlesex,	Tunbridge,
	Peacham,	

*Danville,	Monkton,	*Vergennes,
*Dorset,	Morgan,	Waltham,
Dover,	Mt. Holly,	Wells,
*Dummerston,	Mt. Tabor,	*Westminster,
Duxbury,	*Newark,	*Whiting,
East Haven,	North Hero,	*Williamstown,
East Montpelier,	Norton,	Winhall,
Eden,	*Norwich,	Wolcott,
Elmore,	Panton,	*Woodford,
Fayston,	Peacham,	Worcester,—97.
Ferrisburg,		

Towns without libraries, 71. Towns having libraries which are not free, 25.

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

Arlington,	Ferrisburg,	Roxbury,
Baltimore,	Fletcher,	Royalton,
Bennington,	Glover,	St. George,
Brandon,	Guilford,	Stamford,
Bristol,	Halifax,	Starksboro,
Calais,	Halifax, Valley	Wardsboro,
Cambridge,	Jamaica,	Waterbury,
Canaan,	Jericho,	Waterville,
Charlotte,	Lincoln,	Wells,
Coventry,	Lunenburg,	Westford,
Danville,	Milton,	Westford, Cloverdale.
Danville, Harvey,	Reading,	Westminster,
Dummerston,	Richmond,	Windsor,
Fairfax, Beaver,	Rochester,	Worcester,—44.
Fairfax, Buck Hollow,	Rockingham,	

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY
AID OF THE COMMISSION.

1895.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	WHERE LOCATED.
Andover Town Library,	Post Office.
Barton Town Library,	Block.
Canaan Free Library,	Block.
Chittenden Public Library,	Residence.
Georgia Free Public Library,	Town Hall.
Granby, Sunset Library,	Town Hall.
Groton Public Library,	Residence.
Granville Public Library,	Residence.
Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public Library,	

Hyde Park Public Library,
 Island Pond Public Library,
 Isle La Motte Public Library,
 Johnson Public Library,
 Kirby Free Public Library,
 Landgrove Public Library,
 Lunenburg Public Library,
 Lyndon Free Public Library,
 Marshfield Town Library,
 Montgomery Free Library,
 Northfield Free Public Library,
 Orange Public Library,
 Peru Free Public Library,
 Poultney Free Public Library,
 Ripton Free Library,
 Rochester Free Public Library,
 Ryegate Free Library,
 Sharon Public Library,
 Shelburne Free Library,
 Sheldon Town Library,
 South Hero Library,
 Stamford Free Public Library,
 Stockbridge Free Public Library,
 Sutton Free Library,
 Vershire Town Library,
 Walden Free Public Library,
 Waterville Town Library,
 Westford Town Library,
 West Windsor Free Public Library,
 Wilmington Free Library,
 Windham Library,
 Woodbury Town Library,

Post Office.
 Post Office.
 Town Hall.
 Y. M. C. A.
 Residence.
 Residence.

Store.

Residence.
 Block.
 Town Hall.
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 Residence.
 Town Hall.
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 Post Office.
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1896.

Alburgh Town Library,
 Athens Public Library,
 Cabot Public Library,
 Concord Library,
 Enosburg Town Library,
 Fletcher Public Library,
 Franklin Library,
 Hartland Public Library,
 Newport Town Library,
 Orwell Free Library,
 Pomfret Public Library,
 Randolph Public Library,
 South Royalton,
 Sunderland Town Library,

Residence.
 Residence.
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 Post Office.
 Store.
 Residence.
 Store.

Residence.
 Town Hall.

Town Hall.

Waitsfield Public Library,
Waterford Public Library,
Westmore Public Library,

Post Office.
Residence.
Residence.

1897.

Castleton Free Public Library,
Highgate Town Library,
Reading (Felchville), The Davis Library,
Victory Public Library,
Wheelock Public Library,

Bank Building.
Office.

1898.

Benson Public Library,
Fairlee Public Library,
Milton Free Library,
Shoreham Public Library,
Weston Public Library,

Drug Store.
Residence.
Residence.

1899.

Cambridge Town Library,
Essex Public Library,
Fairfax Free Library,
Jericho Town Library,
Middletown Springs Public Library,
Readsboro Free Library,
Swanton Free Library,
Townshend Public Library,
Wardsboro Free Public Library,
Westfield Town Library,
Westhaven Free Public Library,
Weybridge Free Public Library,
Whitingham Free Library,

Block.
Block.
Store.
Residence.
Drug Store.
Studio.
Residence.
Town Hall.
Residence.
Residence.
Town Hall.
Residence.

1900.

Barnet Public Library,
Braintree Public Library,
Greensboro Free Library,
Lincoln Free Library,

Residence.
Room furnished by
Ladies' Aid Society.
Residence.

Warren Town Library,

1901.

Fairfield Free Library,
New Haven Town Library,
Salisbury Public Library,

Office.
Academy.
Residence.

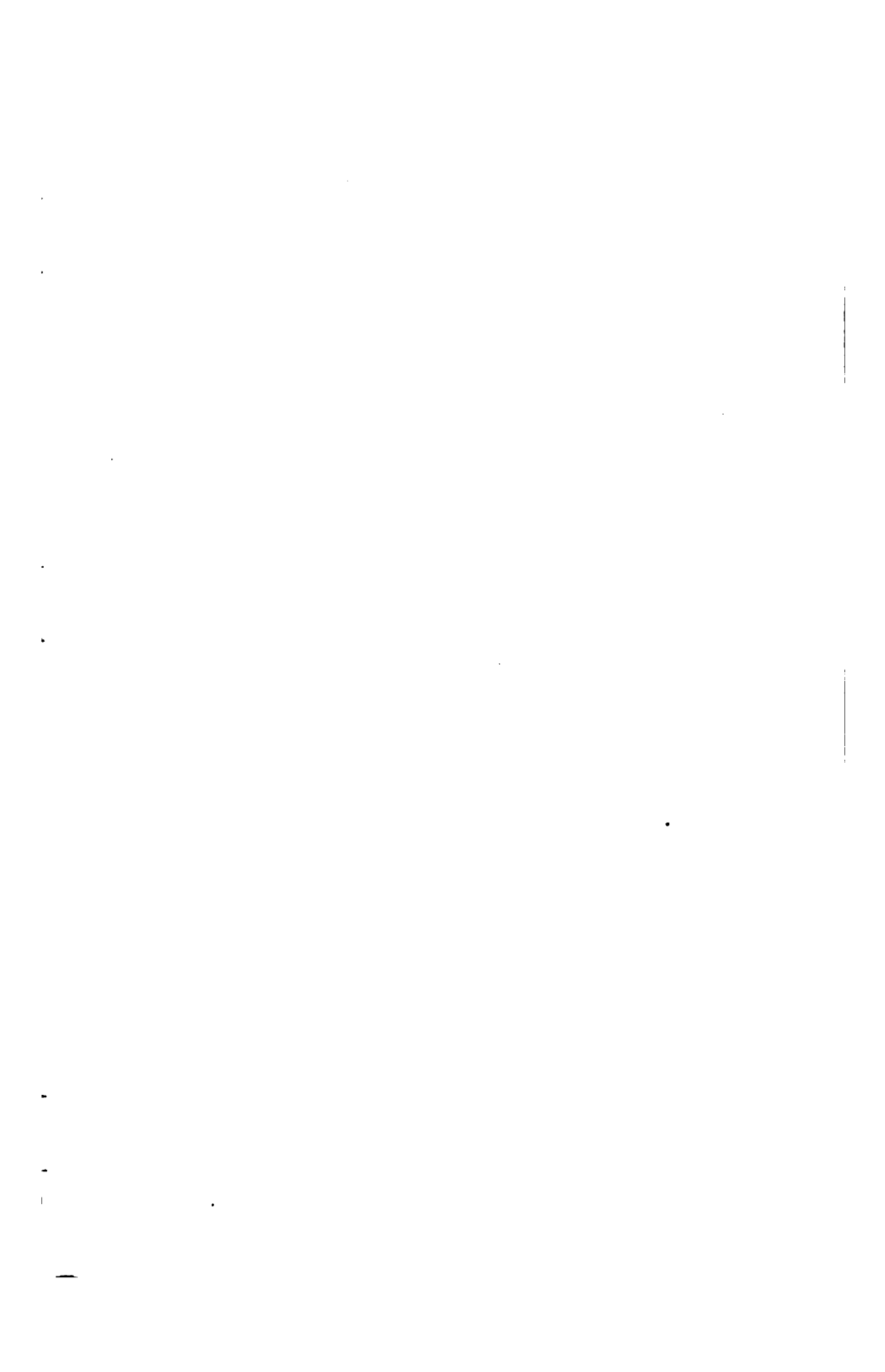
1902.

Addison Public Library,
Bristol Free Library,
Hinesburg Public Library,

Residence.
Block.
Town Hall.



PLATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, SHOREHAM.



1903.

Barnard, Charles B. Danforth Free Public Library, Town Hall.
 Guildhall Free Public Library,
 Pawlet Public Library,
 Underhill Town Library.

1905.

Cornwall Free Library,	Residence.
Moretown Town Library,	Block.
Sheffield Free Public Library,	Residence.
Vernon Free Public Library,	Residence.
Waterbury Town Library,	Bank Block.
West Fairlee Free Public Library,	Bean Hall.
Williston Public Library,	Block.

1906.

Burke.

 LIBRARY NOTES.

Barre.—The trustees of the Aldrich Library in Barre have recently accepted the plans, prepared by Mr. Penn Varney of Lynn, Mass., for the new building to be erected in that city, and the construction of the building will commence immediately. The library will be located at the corner of Washington and Elm Streets. The entrance will be on Washington Street, and the building will be set 75 feet back from the sidewalk, and stand midway between the City Hotel and Elm Street. The estimated cost of the structure is about \$45,000, and when completed will be one of the best library buildings in the State.

Burke.—The town of Burke has had for a long time two active Ladies' Library Associations, and in March, 1906, the town voted an appropriation, and elected trustees for a free town library. Two years previous to this a small library had been given to the town on condition that it meet the requirements and apply for state aid. This has been done and Mrs. L. H. Wells elected librarian.

Cambridge.—The Wilson Memorial Library was opened to the public March 20, 1904. It is free to all, whether residents of the town or not. There is no endowment fund, but the town every year gives \$25 of its \$75 appropriation for libraries, to this library. There are now about \$175 left of the original fund of \$500, and 568 volumes in the library.

In the first 13 months of its existence there were issued 142 cards, and the circulation was 1,783. This is an extremely good showing for the community where there is no village, as this library is located in a part of the town known as North Cambridge, where there are but few houses and one church.

The librarian is A. M. Rice, R. F. D., Jeffersonville.

Castleton.—The Castleton public library has received a bequest of \$500, together with one year's interest on the same, to be known as the Russell M. Wright Memorial Fund. The income is to be used for purchasing books.

Cornwall.—*Cornwall Free Library.*—In March, 1905, the town of Cornwall voted \$25 with which to start a free town library.

The Lane library, consisting of about 1,000 volumes, was given to the town, and with the \$100 worth of books furnished by the State, forms a very good beginning.

Librarian is Frank D. Manchester.

Derby.—The Haskell Free Library and opera house was given to the towns of Derby Line, Vt., and Rock Island, Que., by Mrs. Martha Haskell and her son, Colonel H. Stewart Haskell of Derby Line. It is a beautiful building, costing, together with its endowment, about \$100,000.

Its peculiar location, directly on the boundary line between the United States and Canada, so that one-half is a part of the possessions of Uncle Sam, and the other is under the management of King Edward, makes it doubly interesting.

The corner-stone was laid by Golden Rule lodge, F. and A. M., of Stanstead, Que., assisted by prominent Masons from both sides of the line, October 15, 1901. This lodge was established near this site in 1803, at Derby Line, by Judge Timothy Hinman and Major Rufus Stewart, both of whom were great-grandparents of Colonel H. Stewart Haskell, who is himself a prominent Mason.

The building is of granite and buff brick. The first story is of granite above which buff brick with granite trimmings is used. The roof is slate. The central entrance is that of the library, and the other that of the opera house. These are entirely separate, but are both in the United States. The massive and dignified granite entrance to the library leads through the loggia with its mosaic-tiled floor into the entrance hall, which has a heavy oak paneled dado and mosaic floor. At the left of the hall is the general reading room. This is abundantly lighted by seven high windows and ceiling lights in the heavy paneled ceiling. In the tower corner is a comfortable window seat, while the large fireplace occupies another corner. This is provided with reading tables and modern accessories. Across the hall, opposite the general reading room, is the ladies' room, with lavatory, fireplace, and wardrobes, finished beautifully in birdseye maple and delicate tints. The hall ends in the handsome grill work at the entrance to the rotunda. This has a fine domed ceiling, in the center of which the light shines through an opalescent globe. Heavy paneled oak wainscoting, and mosaic floor with a medallion centerpiece containing the monogram S-H, makes this a very imposing room. At the left of the rotunda is the conversation room, separated from the rotunda by a lobby and sliding doors. There business can be transacted privately, committees can meet, etc. This is finished in cherry and has a fireplace, and a bay window commanding a general view. Across the rotunda from the conversation room are the librarian's room and the men's toilet. Back of the rotunda is the stack

room, one and a half stories high, 50x22 feet, finished in white enamel, with a handsome stucco ceiling, windows glazed with cathedral glass, amply lighted and practically fireproof.

Provision will be made for the receipt of 10,000 volumes at once, room being left for this to be largely increased when necessary. The public will have free access to the stack room. It will be lighted at night by pendant lights placed over each stack.

The library, containing about 6,000 volumes, was opened under the management of Col. H. S. Haskell, April 1, 1905. Mr. Harold H. Stone is librarian.

Fair Haven.—The library committee decided to purchase the Allonson Allen property as a site for the \$6,000 library donated the town by Andrew Carnegie. The purchase price of the site is \$5,500. Two local parties have donated \$500 each to the new library.

Hardwick.—By the conditions of the will of the late Mrs. Jeudevine of Hardwick, the Hardwick Library is made the residuary legatee of her estate. The legacy, which is estimated at \$10,000 in amount, is to be used as an endowment fund for purchase of books and running expenses. Mrs. Jeudevine built the beautiful stone library building several years ago as a memorial to her husband.

Hartford—Quechee Library.—The village of Quechee in Hartford felt the need of a library and as no suitable building was to be had the band stand was made over and fitted up for the purpose. The young ladies formed a sewing circle, and used the money earned for the expense. Now they are working to raise five thousand dollars for a new building. In this they mean to have a reading room, and all up-to-date conveniences.

In March, 1906, the late J. Walter Parker presented them with \$50 with which to purchase books. They now own 1,168 volumes. This should prove an inspiration to other small villages without library privileges.

Hartford.—White River Junction.—At a meeting of the trustees of the Loyal Club of White River Junction, announcement was made of a gift from Amos Barnes of Boston, of a public library building to be erected on a lot owned by Mr. Barnes in the center of the town just west of the Junction House. The building will be turned over to the trustees of the Loyal Club, through whose earnest efforts a library has been maintained in the town for some time past. The officers of the club are Mrs. Everett J. Wallace, president; Kathleen Starr, secretary, and Mrs. Charles H. Brown, treasurer.

Since the gift was made Mr. Barnes has died. He was formerly for many years a resident of White River Junction. At the time of his death he was president of the Connecticut and Passumpsic River railroad and proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel, Boston. The institution will be known as the "George W. Gates Memorial Library" and is erected in honor of the Gates family, with which Mr. Barnes was connected. It is expected that the building will cost in the vicinity of \$12,000.

Isle La Motte.—Seven ladies of Isle La Motte have formed a corporation which has a charter from the State, and have bought a stone house and a lot which they intend to fit up for a library. The building has to be remodeled and the work is expected to be begun this year. The plans have not been decided upon yet

Lyndon.—Money was offered the town of Lyndon for a new library building conditional upon the erection of the building within two years and upon its bearing the name of the Cobleigh Public Library from its donor, Mr. Eber Cobleigh, an aged resident of the town who had long contemplated doing something to perpetuate his memory. The offer was accepted and the new building will be ready for occupancy November first.

It is built of brick with cut granite trimmings, plate glass windows and copper roof. It is considered fire-proof; all partition walls are of brick and extend from the floor of the basement to the attic. The finish and floors are of quartered oak except the vestibule and toilet room which are of Swanton marble. The cost of the building and furniture was about \$16,500. The capacity of the stock room is 20,000 volumes.

The library is situated in the center of the village of Lyndonville. The lot, costing \$7,000 was paid for by a subscription of \$5,900 from citizens of Lyndon, and \$1,100 appropriated by the town. The library is not yet endowed, but the town appropriates 5% of its grand list and \$50.00 additional, amounting to \$758, for its support.

The reading room is furnished with periodicals by individual subscriptions amounting to about \$75.00. The Woman's Club are furnishing one room which will be used as a natural history museum. They also contribute an exhibit of mounted birds. The librarian is Mrs. H. Duston.

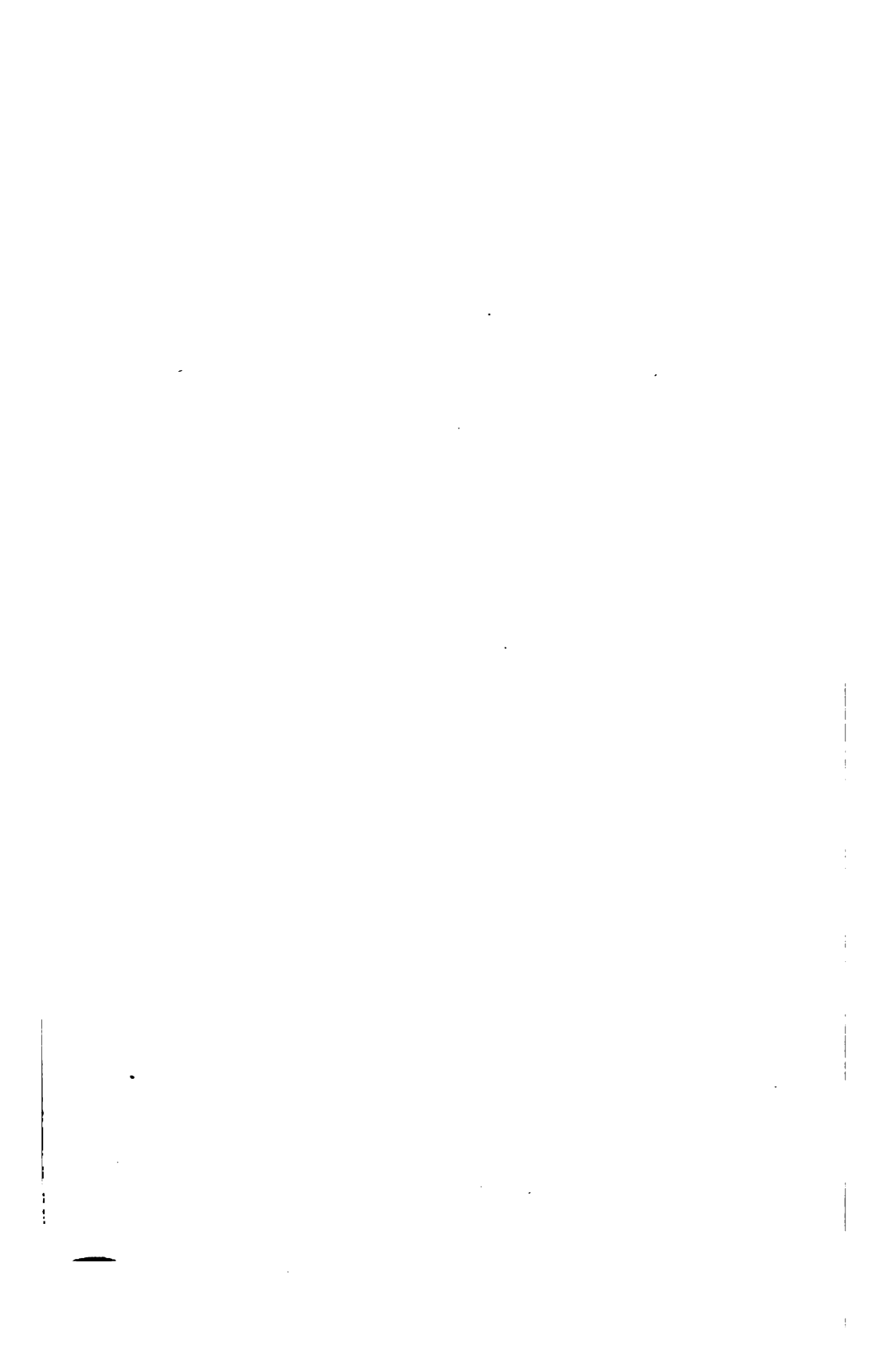
Middlebury.—"The Sheldon Art Museum is one of the popular institutions of Middlebury. Although it is a private enterprise belonging to Mr. Henry L. Sheldon, it is free to the public and contains a great many articles of interest. During the year Mr. Sheldon has added largely to the library. One hundred and fifteen volumes have been bound, comprising newspapers and pamphlets that had been accumulating for years. The reports of Masonic meetings are complete since 1790; Congregational minutes from 1803; Episcopal almanac from the first number in 1830, except two years; complete catalogues of Middlebury college and many early Vermont publications. Mr. Sheldon has rendered his building nearly fireproof, so that these relics bid fair to be handed down to future generations."

Moretown.—*Town Library*—The town of Moretown voted \$25.00 for the establishment of a free town library in March, 1905, and State aid and was asked and given. Miss Florence Haylett, librarian.

Northfield.—The dedication of the Brown library took place August 21st at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Methodist Church. The building which has been erected at a cost of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 was the gift of George W. Brown of Boston, treasurer and general manager of the United Shoe and Machinery company. The event had been looked forward to by the townspeople with great interest and appreciation and



INTERIOR OF PLATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, SHOREHAM.



long before the exercises began the church was filled. All the business houses in the town were closed from two to four.

The exercises were opened by a brief address by the presiding officer, Capt. John L. Moseley, followed by prayer by the Rev. Walter Dole. The historical address was delivered by C. A. Edgerton. The address was to have been delivered by Hon. George Nichols, ex-secretary of State, but he was ill. The presentation speech was made by the donor in person, which was very pleasing. He gave a history of the Brown family and their relations with Northfield since the town was first settled. His grandfather was the first settler in the Center village, where the first library was established in 1825. The speech of acceptance in behalf of the town was made by the Hon. Frank Plumley, followed by the dedicatory address by the Rev. William S. Hazen, D. D., of Beverly, Mass., who was for over 40 years pastor of the Congregational church here. After the exercises the library building was thrown open to the public until four o'clock.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings and steps, 48 feet long, 28 feet wide, with an ell 20x20, and 1½ stories in height. On the first floor are the reading, historical, delivery and stock rooms, which are handsomely finished in cypress. The basement is fitted with the most modern plumbing and one room has been left which it is expected that the ladies will finish for a club room.

Northfield.—*Norwich University Library.*—This library numbers 11,122 volumes and in addition about 20,000 pamphlets. During the last year 2,100 volumes and several thousand pamphlets have been added. It has recently received a valuable general library from Mayor Henry B. Alvord, class of '63, which numbers about 1,500 volumes, and is very rich along historical, literary and military subjects. Professor Adrian Scott, class of '74, has presented a fine library on the Germanic languages, which numbers about 1,000 volumes, and is a very valuable gift. There are about 150 periodicals in the reading room. These periodicals are bound as soon as volumes are completed.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given \$50,000 for a library building which is now in process of erection. It will be four stories in height, 65 ft. wide and 70 ft. long. The two lower or basement floors will be used for library purposes entirely. It will be made out of cement, blocks and steel, so the building will be practically fireproof. There will be no attempt made at ornamentation. The building is of simple, yet effective design, and will be one of the best buildings in the State. The library design is somewhat similar to the Carnegie Library building at Burlington.

On the right hand side as you enter the building will be the reading room, about 25x30 feet. On the left hand side is the librarian's office, and opening out, next to the stack room is the work room, a room about 15x25 feet. The stack room runs the entire length of the building along the back side, and will be about 28 feet wide by 70 feet long and 22 feet high, making ample room for a three-story stack. It is estimated that the stack room will accommodate about 60,000 volumes.

On the second floor on the right hand side will be the historical room. On the left hand side of the hallway will be a long scientific reading room about 25x30 feet, and directly over the delivery room will be a large room which is intended for an art gallery. In the sub-basement or first floor of the building is the receiving room. This room will be about 15 feet wide and 20 feet long. It is designed to unpack boxes here and then take the books into the library by means of an elevator.

It was expected that the building would be completed in the summer of 1906, but owing to delays it will probably not be ready for use till the spring of 1907. William A. Ellis, librarian.

Pittsford.—The annual meeting of the library association of Pittsford and the tenth anniversary of the occupancy of the Walker Memorial Library building was celebrated at Pittsford, Dec. 6, 1905. At two o'clock in the afternoon the library association held its annual meeting, the usual reports of the year's work were read and then a summary of the past ten years. At three the building was thrown open to the public for a reception. Beside the townspeople, the librarians, assistants and trustees of the Rutland, Proctor and Brandon libraries had been invited.

The room opposite the reading room had been remodeled and turned into a tea room. The reception committee and ladies who served tea were chosen from among the readers of the library and afternoon tea was served in a delightful and informal manner. Attractive bulletins were placed in conspicuous places—a bulletin on Forestry with a set of books on that topic was loaned from the Albany Library School for the occasion. Collections of photographs and rare books were on exhibition. One book—an exposition on the epistle to the Hebrews, printed in London in 1685, attracted a great deal of attention. It was once the property of Jonathan Edwards and contained his autograph. Mrs. Anna S. Loveland, who presented the book to the library, had refused an offer of \$200 for it.

In the evening Mr. John Cotton Dana, librarian of the Public Library, Newark, N. J., delivered an inspiring and helpful address at the town hall on "Making a Library Useful."

Pomfret.—The handsome new library building at South Pomfret, presented to the town by Judge Ira A. Abbott, now associate judge of the supreme court of New Mexico, was recently dedicated in the presence of a large number of townspeople and visitors. The forenoon was occupied in an Old Home day celebration, with music and much story telling and reminiscences by former residents of the place. Mr. Fred L. Davis presided at the dedication exercises, which took place on the lawn opposite the library. and, after music, prayer, and reading of the original tender of the library to the town, introduced Judge Abbott as a former resident, who in his presentation speech, eloquently outlined the purpose of this memorial to his parents. His primary object was to do something for the benefit of present and future inhabitants of Pomfret. The existence of a good library should serve to strengthen the attachment of young and old to the town.

Among other speakers were General Rush C. Hawkins, who spoke at some length on the subject of libraries and the benefit and inspiration

derived therefrom; Duane J. Carnes of Sycamore, Ill., the boyhood friend of Judge Abbott, Homer W. Vail of Randolph, John A. Chedel of Stockbridge and Dana Hugbee also made impromptu remarks.

The trustees of the library are Judge Charles H. Maxham, Elbridge Perry, Allen W. Thompson, Estella G. Perkins, F. L. Davis, Annie L. Sherman, Walter H. Harrington, Henry Brockway and W. Harold Seaver. The library building is 45 feet long, 27 feet wide and built of red brick with cobble foundation from the ground to the window sills. Four handsome granite columns stand at the entrance and the interior is finished in Michigan birch. The building was erected at a cost of about \$12,000.

Proctor.—Early in May, 1906, Proctor Library celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday. In the afternoon Miss Sarah C. Bryant of Boston entertained the children by story telling. In the evening an historical address was given by Hon. Fletcher D. Proctor, and Rev. G. W. C. Hill told of the future plans of the institution. The library was housed at first in the old office of the Vermont Marble Company, and consisted of a few second-hand books and several periodicals. The room was open evenings and generally 25 or 30 men assembled there. In the early days Senator Proctor gave to the library each year a sum equal to the amount the library itself raised.

In 1891 the library was moved to its present beautiful quarters. A museum is connected with the library and contains a large collection of Indian curios, relics from the Samoan Islands, rare trophies from the Philippines and a fine lot of coral shells. In 1904 the library was made free. The appropriation received from the town in 1905 was \$289.72. The library now contains 5500 books and has 14 periodicals on file.

Rockingham.—*Bellows Falls.*—After two years of fighting Bellows Falls voted at a special town meeting held May 15th to accept the Carnegie offer of \$15,000 for a new library building. Three thousand dollars was appropriated for a site and \$2000 additional raised by subscription. On June 3rd another special meeting was held and the vote accepting the gift was rescinded. A serious legal complication arises, as the committee had purchased a site and hold a deed for the same. They had received notice from Mr. Carnegie's secretary that the money for the building was ready for them.

Rutland.—*House of Correction.*—"We have a small library of about 500 volumes composed mostly of books donated by public libraries in the State, which were so badly worn as to be of no further use to them, but when repaired answer our purpose very well. We have been thinking of arranging our books in order so the prisoners could have more use of them than they do at present. All the inmates who can read and care to, have from about 6 o'clock P. M. until 8.30 P. M., and if they wish can also read in the morning until 6.30."

Here is an opportunity for someone—either individuals or libraries—to do some good. Confined in this place are many who are young and perhaps not yet hardened in crime. Give them old and worn, but good

books if we have nothing else, but who can estimate what some new and attractive good books might accomplish?

Ryegate.—Our library is known as the Whitehill Library Association, named for the founder, Mr. N. J. Whitehill, who gave us something like 100 books in 1901.

The people, who lived in what used to be the district, under the old school system, then formed an association, elected officers and made by-laws. It is one of the by-laws of the association that the library shall be moved every year, so that all parts of the district shall receive equal benefit—the librarian, of course, changes with the library. Last year it was at the home of Mr. James E. Crown; this year with Mrs. H. E. Farrow. We raise money by socials, entertainments and so on—have now 252 books and \$20.00 in the treasury. We have a ten section Wernicke book case, organ, dishes, etc.

We are in the northwest corner of the town of Ryegate, so that none of us can receive benefit from the free library in town. Our books are lent free to members of the association and to people outside, who in the judgment of the librarian, will take proper care of a book. Mrs. H. E. Farrow, librarian.

Sheffield.—*Free Public Library.*—In March, 1905, Sheffield appropriated \$15.00 for the establishment of a town library, and State aid was furnished. Mrs. J. H. Nelson was appointed librarian and the library is kept in her house free of charge.

Shoreham.—"Platt Memorial Library" is located in the village of Shoreham. The building was given to the town by Mrs. Mary Mixer Platt, in memory of her husband, Dr. William N. Platt. The building is of brick on a rock-faced marble foundation, finished in oak, and cost about \$5,000.00. It is of simple yet classic design, and bears over the pillared portico in metallic letters the inscription, "A. D. 1906, Platt Memorial Library."

The main room of the library is very light, with windows to the north, south and west, which makes a pleasant, cheery room, with shelves on the walls to accommodate several thousand books, while a small room at the left of the entrance, with shelves for periodicals and books of reference, will serve as a reading room, and a smaller one as a business office, from which stairs lead to the furnace cellar. The furniture is of weathered oak.

There are about twelve hundred (1200) volumes on the shelves, with \$150.00 in the treasury with which to purchase books. The building was very fittingly dedicated September 10th with an address on "Reading" by Prof. Brainard Kellogg, of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Mr. Goddard, chairman of the Board of Library Commissioners, made a few appropriate remarks, and an informal reception was held at the library. Florence Howard Witherell, librarian.

Vernon.—Two years ago a biennial report of the State library commission was sent me. I read it very carefully and was much interested. I also received a letter from the secretary of the library commission telling





WEST FAIRLEE TOWN LIBRARY.



WILLISTON TOWN LIBRARY.

about the matter, and it seemed to me we might start a library. I immediately began to tell the influential people of the town about it, and sent the report for them to examine. I also asked the town committee to insert (in the warning for town meeting) an article, asking the town to choose five trustees for a library and vote to raise the necessary funds for same. At the regular March meeting the town voted to raise the required amount (\$25), and through some mistake chose only three trustees. But we were not discouraged, and on finding that it was necessary to have five trustees a special town meeting was called to elect two more trustees. The meeting was duly held and five trustees elected. This was in April, 1905, and in September, 1905, we received from the State \$100 worth of books. This was our first start for a library. Since then many books have been given from townspeople, making 165 volumes now in the library. We have purchased the "New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia" of ten volumes, and received as a gift from Brattleboro Free Library two volumes "Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World." We now have about \$20 to purchase new books, and feel that in a few years "Vernon Free Library" will mean something more than one case full of books. Mrs. E. H. Akley, librarian.

Waterbury.—"The people of this village, especially those who are interested in the Waterbury Public Library Association, were made very happy recently when the will of Mrs. Horace Fales was made public. Under the residuary clause of the will is created a trust fund, which fund will amount in the vicinity of \$10,000 for the benefit of Waterbury Public Library Association, being a permanent trust fund, the annual income of which will amount to about \$500, and the Association is to receive this amount yearly as long as time shall last.

The reason given by Mrs. Fales in her will for making the bequest is as follows:

'I make the foregoing provision for the aiding in the maintenance of a public library in the village of Waterbury in loving remembrance of my deceased husband, who had a home there during the major portion of his business life, and whose intimate social and professional relations with its people produced an interest in and affection for the place which was as long as his life and which it is my wish to commemorate. I therefore request that the fund set apart as aforesaid be known and called the "Horace Fales Fund."'

In the spring of 1905 the town of Waterbury appropriated \$100 for the foundation of a town library, and received \$100 worth of books from the State. In 1906 their appropriation was increased to \$375, and it was hoped that the books of the Association and those of the town could be merged into one library. Now that the Association has an endowment the solution remains to be seen.

West Fairlee.—Town Library.—In the year 1905, it was voted by the town of West Fairlee that a certain amount of money should be given for the support of a free public library. If this was agreed to, there were several donations to be given. A sum of \$25 was raised, and application for State aid was made and received.

The library is situated in a small room, on the first floor of the town hall. There are over four hundred books, mostly fiction, with some biography, history, travel, and children's books of different descriptions. We also have magazines. Maude A. Bliss, librarian.

Williston.—*Free Library.*—Twenty-five dollars was voted by Williston in 1905 for the establishment of a free town library. State aid was given and the library began in rooms leased by the society of King's Daughters, in the brick building in the center of the village, near the academy and church. At first five ladies took care of the library alternately, and without compensation, but recently Mrs. H. O. Whitney has been appointed librarian, and serves without pay.

Wilmington.—The old River street school house in Wilmington has been moved to a new location and the building of the Pettee Memorial Free Library is nearly completed. The building will be a handsome piece of architecture and one that Wilmington will be proud of, cost about \$5,000.00. The material is red and buff brick with granite trimmings and the style modern academic American with a handsome colonial entrance. In form the building is a parallelogram, 43 feet in length and standing the long way on the street, with a wing 20 by 15 feet, extending back from the center. Mr. Lyman Pettee, the donor of the building, is a native of Wilmington and the son of the late Dr. Pettee of that place.

For several years a small library has been maintained at Wilmington, having been started with State aid, but has suffered from lack of accommodation and the new building will be much appreciated.

Windsor.—*State Prison.*—At this institution there are about 500 books in a library for the prisoners. Most of these are worn and falling to pieces, and have been read and re-read by the inmates.

To help out their urgent need, a traveling library was sent to them at Thanksgiving, 1905, and was received with much interest and rejoicing at chapel time.

While the Chaplain has general oversight, the books are cared for by one of the prisoners, a former schoolmaster, and are read eagerly by many who had asked for them and expressed their desire to take the best of care of them, and their gratitude for the privilege.

The list of books that was asked for to make up their traveling library would put to shame many lists made out by some other patrons of libraries. History, travel and good biographies predominated, literature, science and sociology were represented, while the fiction was mostly standard. Books by Van Dyke and Hillis were asked for, and Victor Hugo, Riis and Booker T. Washington much in demand.

Some attractive nature books were sent, and some cheerful simple stories. The circulation the past year has reached well up into the thousands.

Libraries that have books they would like to dispose of, are asked to remember that here are 200 people that need reading and help. The Chaplain who has charge of the books is Rev. William H. Hayes.

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	\$ 150.00.....	Woman's Literary Club.
Bennington Centre.....	100.00.....	Miss Julia Clark.
Bradford.....	Books.....	Friends.
	\$ 116.00.....	Easter sale.
Brandon.....	500.00.....	A. G. Farr.
	150.00.....	Chas. Dana.
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	\$ 500.00.....	Wilson bequest.
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 HOW A TOWN MAY ESTABLISH A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

If any town wishes to take advantage of the act which will be found printed on a following page in this report the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting.

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Sec. 878 and 879, Vermont Statutes.
2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

The Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 890 and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

Upon application to the Library Commissioners a blank will be furnished entitled "Application of the Board of Library Trustees" to which should be attached the blank filled out by the town clerk.

These blanks are as follows:

No. 1.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FOR STATE AID.

.....Vt.,190

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of.....
Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town
Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Sec. 877,
Vermont Statutes, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by
the State.

.....
Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,190

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held
on the first Tuesday of March, 190 , the following named persons
were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

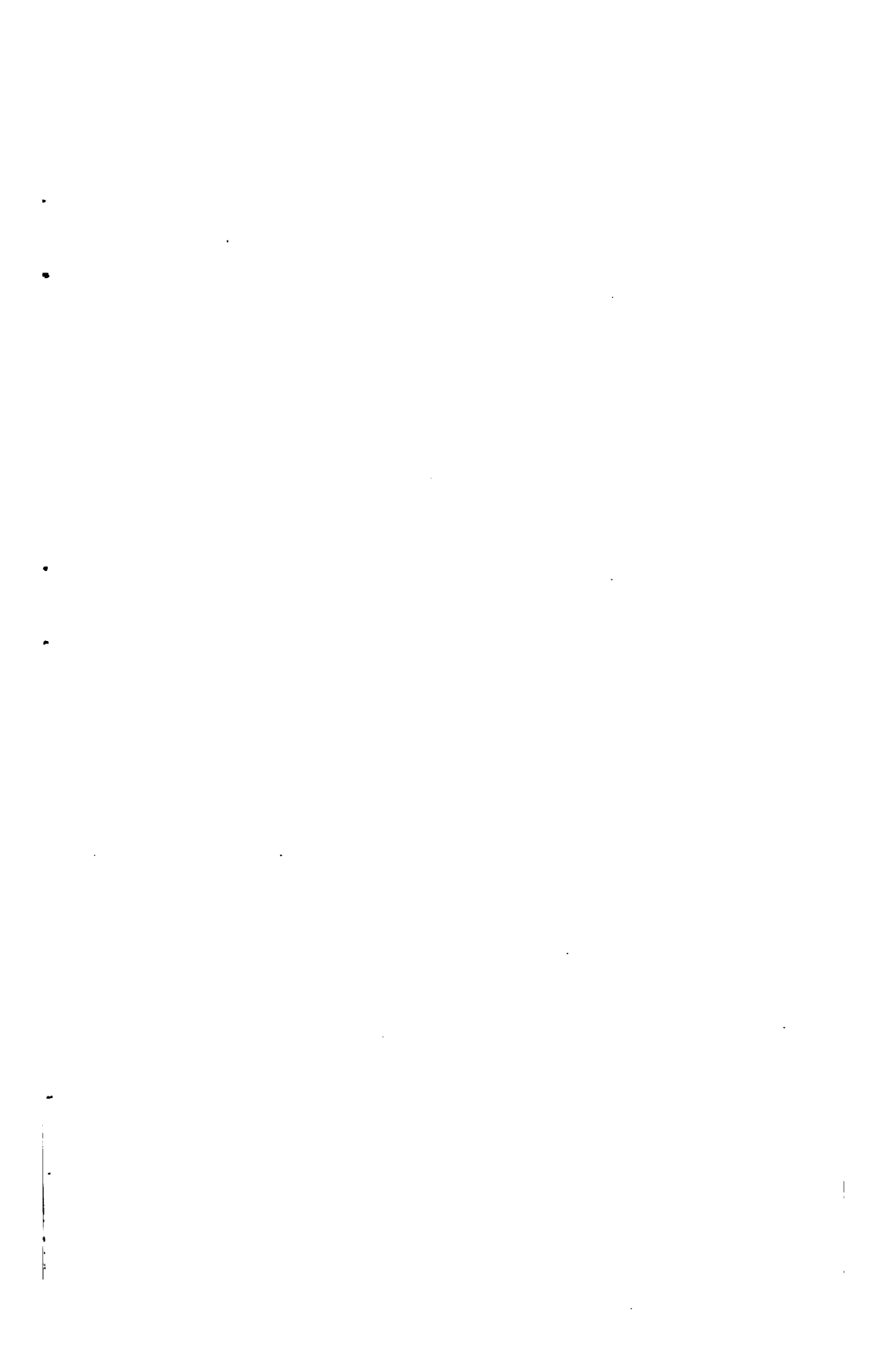
(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

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COBLEIGH FREE LIBRARY, LYNDONVILLE.



That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners as provided by Sec. 879, Vermont Statutes.

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

The Commissioners will then send the trustees the following blank to be filled out and returned to them

No. 3.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR :

Section 879, Vermont Statutes reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

In view of the obligation resting upon the Board of Library Commissioners, as provided by Sec. 879, Vermont Statutes, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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Signed by

LAWS OF VERMONT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

APPOINTMENT.

SEC. 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

COMMISSION TO GIVE ADVICE.

SEC. 876. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1898, No 138, §13. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly at the expense of the state, and this expense shall not be considered a part of the expense provided for in section 881, Vermont Statutes.

STATE AID.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS.

SEC. 878. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1902, No. 32 §1. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if

its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars. The selectmen of such town shall annually, in the month of September, draw an order on the treasurer of the town, payable to the trustees of the library, for the amount of such appropriation without any vote of the town authorizing them to do so and without any vote of the town voting to raise such sum.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety, and eight hundred and ninety-one [§§ 889, 890, 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

TOWNS ACCEPTING CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

COMPENSATION AND EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSION.

SEC. 881 Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1904, No. 54 §1. No member of the state board of library commissioners, unless he be its secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books, not more than five hundred dollars of which sum may be used for the employment and expenses of a secretary whom they shall select and who may be of





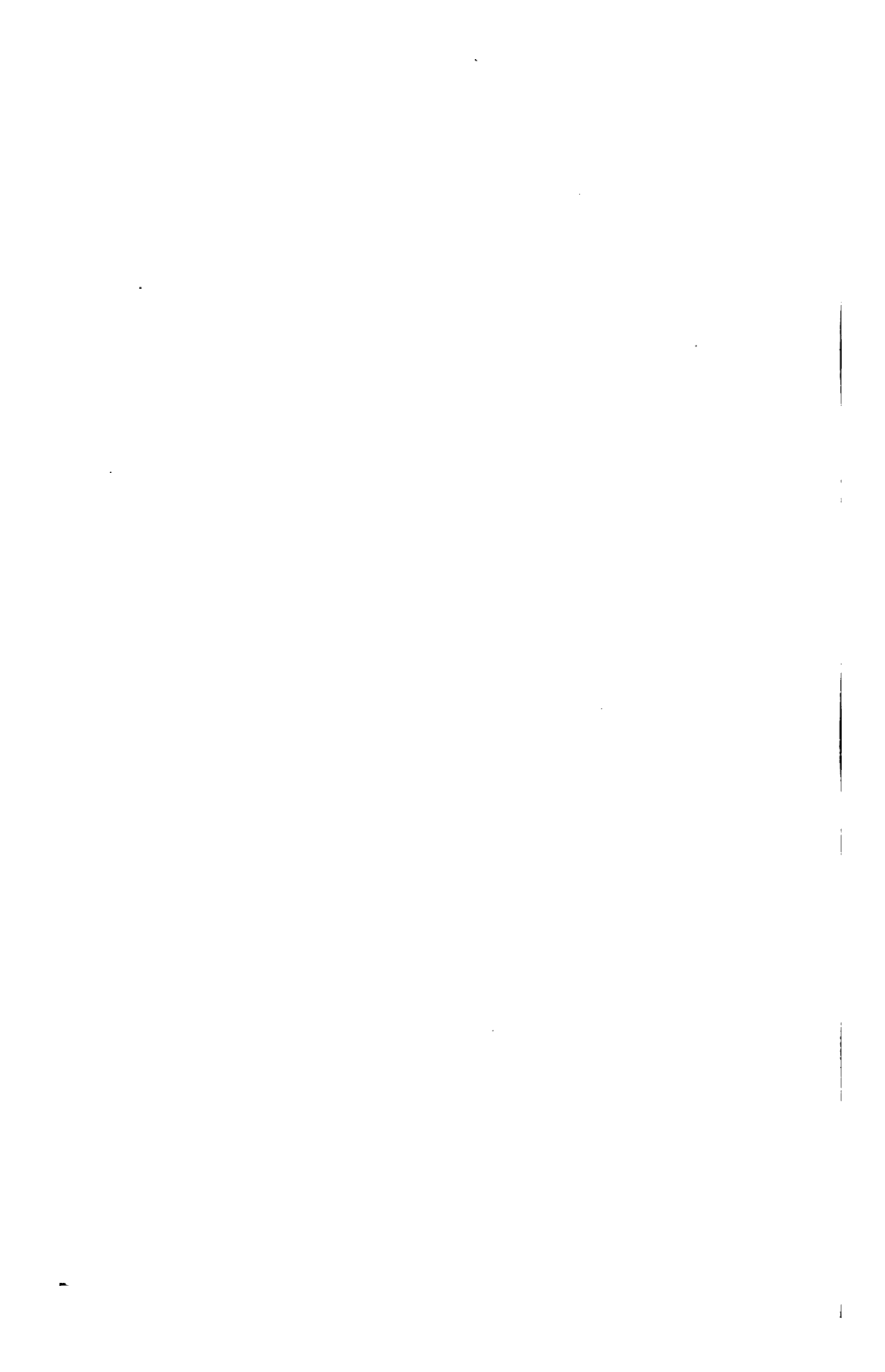
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HASKELL LIBRARY—READING ROOM.



HASKELL LIBRARY—HALL AND ROTUNDA.



their own number; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

BOARD TO MAKE RULES.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter; a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state a certificate, of which the

aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any

trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1898, No 34, §1. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care, and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board

of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control, and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without





HASKELL LIBRARY—CORNER IN LADIES' ROOM.



HASKELL LIBRARY—CONVERSATION ROOM.

prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

JAIL LIBRARIES.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by Christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

SEC. 362, subdivision VII as amended by Acts 1898, No. 13, §1. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

WOMEN AS TRUSTEES.

SEC. 2982. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1900 No. 44. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

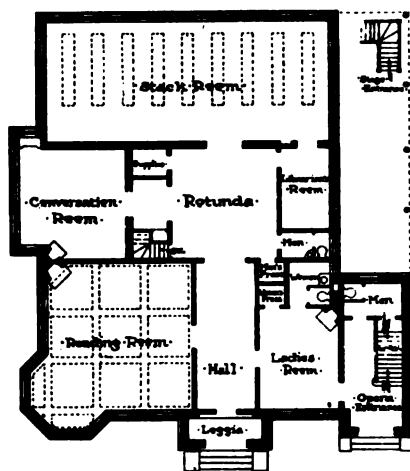
Approved November 21, 1900.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.

NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •

HASKELL LIBRARY.



VERNON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.



SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the full management and control of said libraries at all times, and shall make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

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Interior of Band Stand Public Library, Quechee.
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Platt Memorial Library, Shoreham.
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Williston Town Library.
Rockingham Free Library.
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